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SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINED

THE L'OVERTURE SCHOOL IS NOW IN THE ZENITH OF ITS HISTORY

A Pretty Masquerade Party—Other Brilliant Social Events—Murderer Foster Baptized in Jail—The "Tamborian Opera Co."

St. Louis, Mo., Speciol.

The residence of Mrs. Florence Renaker, 2617 Mill street, on last Thursday night, was one of brilliancy and beauty. The occasion was a grand masquerade party given by her little daughter Florence. The beautiful parlors were handsomely decorated and the floors canvassed for dancing. Seventy-five invitations were issued and all were present with one or two exceptions. This is not the first ime that this popular little hostess has entertained her little friends, so when each little boy or girl received an invitation to attend a masquerade at little Florence's house they knew that one of Aunt Dollie's times was to be had, and all set about at once to get himself or herself up in some heretofore unseen or unheard of disguise. The costumes represented many nations and people, dating back from the 17th Century to the present time. Supper was served by the well known caterers, Dows & Zerell. Mrs. Renaker is an estimable lady, and knows how to entertain her friends.

Walter Sanders, of 10th street and Cass avenue is under arrest, charged with criminal assault. The assault of which he is suspected was committed December 21, 1896, and the victim was Essie Reed, a 9 yr old child, living with her parents at 1005 North 10th street.

John Small is now in Chief Desmond's grasp on a charge prefered by Henry Woodson, proprietor of a coal yard at 1000 North 12th street. Woodson claims that on February 1, Small, who was in his employ, collected $24 from customers and appropriated the money to his own use.

David Long, entered the City Dispensary shortly after the noon hour on Tuesday, and asked one of the physicians to dress a serious wound which he had received on the side of the neck. He said that he had been drinking with a young man named George Cravens, and that the fellow cut him without provocation. He was attended, and then sent to the City Hospital.

Early on Tuesday morning a baby a few hours old was left on the doorstep at 4218 St. Ferdinand avenue. The child was carelessly wrapped in a few old rags, and had not immediate attention been given, it would probably have died. The police were notified, and during the afternoon the infant was sent to St. Ann's asylum.

Mrs. Sarah Thornton, of Denver, Col., is visiting her daughter Mrs. Lizzie Ogden 5916 Minnesota avenue. Mrs. Ogden is very popular in St. Louis, and her many friends are requested to call.

The senior class of 1897, was entertained one evening last week, by Miss Emma Lewis, one of its members, at her residence 2100 Walnut street. The following were present: Misses Josie Hereford, Alice M. Overton, Florence Robinson, Mamie Lewis, Maude Watkins, Sarah Brown, Lucy Arnold, Arvelia McKinney Minnie Fogg; Messrs. Alfred Carter, George Buckner, Lawrence Williams and James Street. Dancing, parlor games, and a sumptious repast were enjoyed, and all expressed themselves as being well pleased.

A girl baby was born to Mrs. Fannie Fugot, a servant of Mrs. Kate M. Isbell, 3030 Washington avenue at 4 o'clock last Sunday morning. There was no one with the woman and instead of summoning assistance she dressed, wrapped the infant in a skirt and started to the house of a friend living in the rear of 1825 Franklin avenue. She reached there at 5:30 o'clock. Mrs. Davis her friend summoned Dr. Otto L. Sahlender, in charge of the St. Louis Medical College free clinic. The woman is now doing well. In an interview Mrs. Fugot said, that she was from Hannibal, Mo., and that her husband died a few months ago. She secured employment from Mrs. Isbell a month ago, but concealed her condition, and that she left her employers' house at the birth of her infant because she did not want to annoy her.

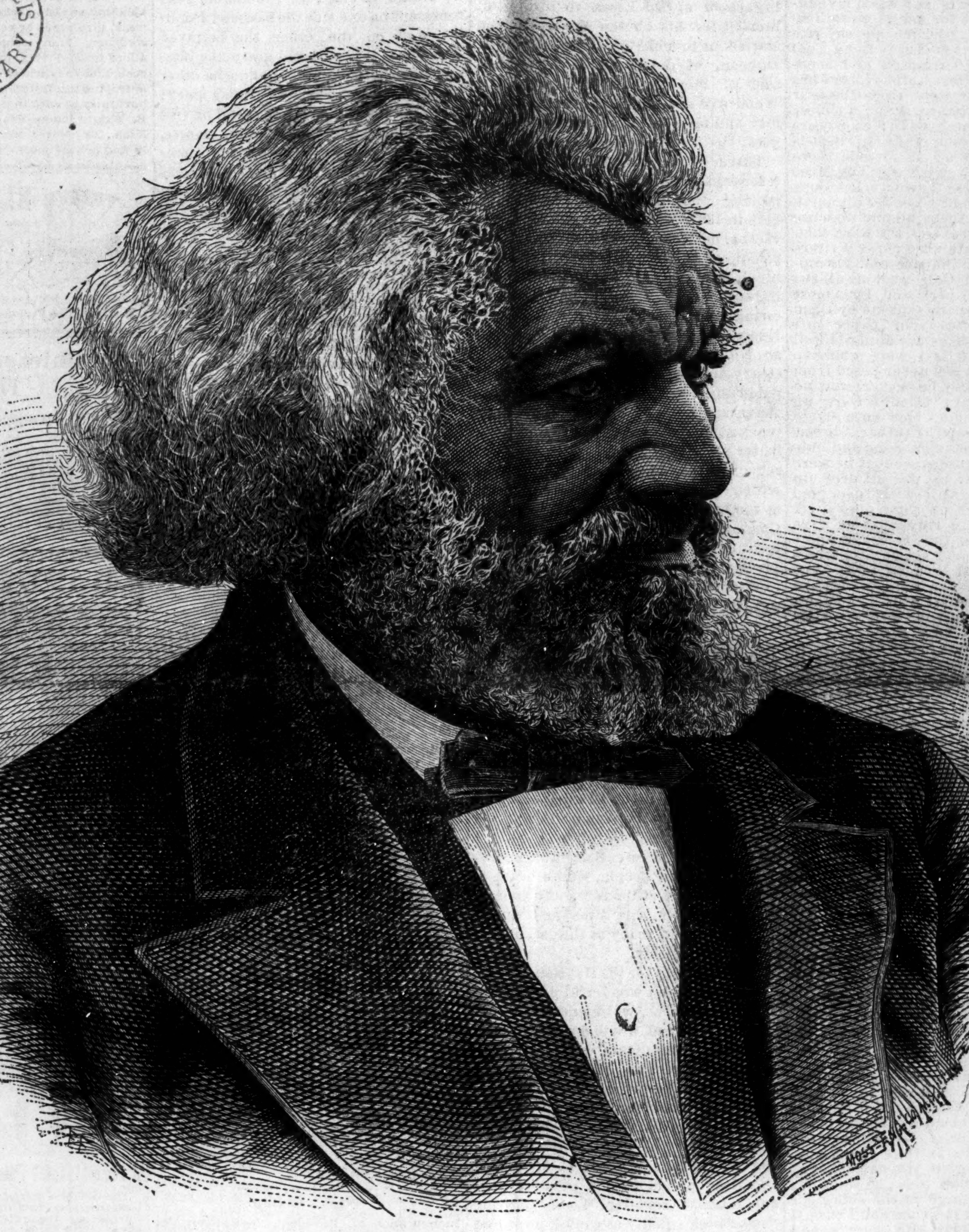
Henry Edwards who was arrested in a dive on Eleventh street, on suspicion of being a fugitive from justice, has been released from custody on a telegram received by Chief Harrigan from Uniontown, Ky., saying Edwards was not the man wanted. Several weeks ago a man named Henry Edmonds killed a woman in Uniontown, Ky., and made his escape. Edmonds was a roustabout, and the police of this city were asked to look out for him. Patrolman Flynn arrested Edwards on the description of the murderer given by the Kentucky authorities, which he answered perfectly. Edwards acknowledged that he knew of the murder, but said he learned of it from a roustabout named John Jones. The police considered his story gauzy. A photograph was taken of the prisoner and forwarded to Uniontown, and an answer was received from Sheriff Brashear, saying that the wrong man was in custody.

The mid-winter class which entered Sumner High School from L'Overture School has made more rapid strides in a week in mastering latin than any other class has ever done in the beginning, in a month. In fact, their progress has been so marked that the Latin teacher says they must have had some preparatory instructions in it. There is a striking contrast between the magnificent and grand recitations of Shaw and Collins, members of this class, and their diminutive size. They are playfully dubbed, "The Tom Thumbs," by the pupils. But while their physique is of the Lilliputian order, it is evident that their mentality is quite the reverse in comparison. This goes to show that brains are considered more than size at the L'Overture. Miss Virginia Copeland, in recognition of her excellent work, of which the mid-winter class is a fine speciment, has been promoted from first assistant to assistant principal, and Miss Rose E. Taylor from second to first assistant. The L'Overture School has now reached the zenith of its brilliancy. At a recent meeting of the teachers committee it was raised from a second to a first grade school. The teachers of the L'Overture are now enjoying the very distinguished honor of being teachers of a first grade school. Mr and Mrs. Vinegar 2605 Wash street, gave a dinner last Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Callie Holmes of Columbus, Miss., and among these present were Misses Lottie Moulton, Ludie Jenkins, Gertrude Godair, Lena Grigsby, Nanie Vars, Allie Robinson and Lula Davis Messrs. P. L. Easterly, J. D. Williams, J. Tyler, Arthur Lewis, J. Massey, J. Brooks, E. James, H. Clarkston and J. Vinegar. An enjoyable evening was spent in the rendition of musical selections, and every one left for their home well pleased.

Sam Foster, member of the trio of convicted murderers of Bertram Atwater, was baptized in the county jail at Clayton Wednesday afternoon. Two Baptist ministers, Revs. J. L. Lian of Webster Groves and J. P. Ennis of Clayton, conducted the ceremony. Foster was taken out of his cell with Sheriff Kerth's permission, and allowed to meet the two ministers in the narrow corridor between the iron grating of the long row of cells and the brick walls and the iron barred windows on the side of the county bastile. An attendant brought a bucket of water to the ministers, and one of them dipping his right hand therein, sprinkled Foster's head, and then pronounced the Baptist formula, with just as much fervor as if the recipient has just been plunged in a flowing stream, in full view of hundreds of people.

Foster, is a brutal looking fellow, and is beginning to realize his impending doom. He talks to no one, save the ministers and the Schmidts, and does not charm the other prisoners with his singing, as Harry Duncan, Officer Brady's murderer, did just before his execution. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Washington 827 North 23d street, celebrated their "Tin Wedding" last Saturday evening. Rev. G. Jarrett of Mt. Olive Baptist church conducted the ceremony. There were present forty-five persons and each one brought a piece of tin ware. Miss Lizzie Gallager and Mr. George Edwards, stood with the bride and groom of the tin wedding. Mrs. Belle Myers and Martha Clay had charge of the supper room, Miss Josephine Patton acted as secretary and recorded the names of each donor, and Mr. Lewis Kidd was floor manager. Mr. George N. Draper as caterer prepared a sumptuous repast, and the guests at a late hour departed well pleased.

Miss Aderlynne Wilson our dramatic star, has been successful in obtaining the services of Miss Ada Armstong of New Jersey, a musical genius who will take the road with her "Tamborian Co." Your correspondent had the pleasure of hearing these ladies in rehearsal and departed well pleased. Rt. Rev. G. W. Clinton, A. M. D. D., of the Zion's A. M. E. was in the city Sunday the 14th inst, and preached at the Washington Chapel morning and evening. Bishop Clinton is an orator and the mouth-piece of the organization. He is well pleased with the advent of The Freeman in St. Louis, and its advocacy of his denomination. The revival meetings at Central Baptist church continue nightly and many are brought to the fold of Christ. A number received the ordiance of baptism on Sunday 14th, and more will follow in the near future. The meeting will continue so long as any spirit is manifested by those attending it. Rev. Cohron is an earnest worker, and the flow of young people to the fold surprises everyone. Never before in the history of the church has so many young people been interested in revivals. The city hall janitors are a jolly set of men, hail well met. A few days hence your correspondent had the pleasure of calling on these gentlemen in their private room at the hall, received a cordial greeting, and The Freeman was landed by them. Mr. McCullough said, "well I must compliment your paper as being the best Negro journal in the city, for it is a clean, spicy and racy paper, and promised his support in building its circulation. Regarding politics in the coming election, they are as dumb as an oyster. 'Tis the best way boys, aways be on the lookout for yourself.



THE LATE FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

Born 1817. Died Feb. 20, 1895. The Douglass Day idea is rapidly gaining favor. The days is being observed in several cities.

Kalamazoo Notes.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

The Frederick Douglass club held their meeting Tuesday evening at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. William Harden, of Union, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill, on Michigan avenue. Mrs. L. H Lewis, Mrs. Amos Stewart, Bert Brown, Mrs. Hiram Parks and the children of James Weaver are on the sick list. Mrs. Geo. Letts is entertaining her sister Miss Rebecca Mitchell of Cassopolis. The ladies of the Second Baptist church gave an entertainment at the church Thursday evening. Cyrus L. Stewart went to Cassopolis last week on business. Miss Rebecca Mitchell will leave this week for Battle Creek, to be the guest of her sister Mrs. Melissa Claytor.

A Swell Wedding.

Clow, Ark., Special.

The marriage of Miss Eliza E. Fontaine to Dr J. O. Bailey in the academy building. The academy was decorated nicely for the occasion. The couple were handsomely attired. They marched into the wedding room after which Rev. Doyle performed the ceremony. The wedding party then retired to the residence of Mr and Mrs. Fulton, who tendered them a grand reception. Miss Fontaine has been teaching here for some time. Mr. J. O. Bailey is a graduate from the Medical College at Milwaukee, Wis., and is a representative of The Freeman. Mrs. Bailey will represent The Freeman from now on. Prof. L. W. Futrell who is the president of Clow's Academy subscribed for The Freeman.

Many Deaths.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Miss Emma Haskins, one of our best young women, died on the 3rd. Miss Haskins was educated in this city, and attended the University in Nashville. Beverly Carston, a well-to-do and aged gentleman, died at his home on Taylor's Hill. Rev. P'Shaw, the Egyptian lecturer, left the city on the 7th. He is expected back soon. Isaac Richards died at his home on the 8th. Miss Happy Moore is very sick at her home in South Clarksville Mrs. D. M. Rice is improving at her home on Taylor's Hill. Messrs. Smith and Thompson have had their houses rebuilt. J. M. Baggett was elected to fill the seat in the legislature.

Notes of Interest.

Pierce's Station, Tenn., Special.

H. S. Morris is a great deal better. "Uncle" John Beard is improving. Henry Murphy is on the sick list. Pierce Station is progressing. Our new pastor, Rev. A. A. Helm, desires to do a great work for his race, but he has been hindered a great deal by the inclemency of the weather. Miss L. E. Pierce and Miss A. E. James delivered orations before the school, subjects "Eager" and "Emancipation." They were grand. There is a great deal of sickness from la grippe. Elder Murray preached for us last Sabbath.

THE OVER-SENSITIVE NEGRO

UTTERANCES OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON GROWING UNPOPULAR

With the Race—The Reason Why—Vast Difference in the Old and New Negro—Comment on the Books Written by Negroes.

There exists no book written by an Afro-American in which the questions affecting the actual welfare of the race are discussed in an impartial manner and fron a scientific standpoint. The only prominent Negroes of the past who have reached an elevation of thought sufficiently above the clouds of race prejudice to be able to see the race and study it with the candor of an outsider are the late Fred Douglass and the scholarly Prof. R. T. Greener. These gentlemen have never been perfectly candid in their utterance but here and there they have unwittingly let words escape which show that they appreciated truths concerning the Negro to which the eyes of the Negro, himself, are blind.

It has been the habit of the Negro to regard every word said about him by the other race with suspicion; and to in instantly stigmatize each unfavorable comment as "abuse." This unfortunate mental tendency is easily explained to an outsider but it cannot be brought to the apprehension of any but the most intelligent of Negroes even at the present day. The Negro is not only unable to appreciate and study the candid utterances of others concerning him but is also unable to see himself in the true light. He does not believe that any person having a white skin can be free from prejudice and is irritated by any unfavorable opinion which a white person may express. Even those white philanthropists who live with the blacks are always kept under surveillance by the people whose cruel wrongs have made them morbidly sensative.

This disposition of the blacks is recognized by all white persons who have close dealings with them and is also keenly appreciated by the fair colored people who dare not make a slight reference to "straight hair," good features" etc, without the fear of giving offence. The black man is so extremely sensitive that no person who is not black can say a word about the defects of the Negro and obtain a candid hearing.

The utterances of Prof. Booker T. Washington are unpoular with the Negroes, not because they have been pondered over and adjudged as unsound, but simply because they are approved by the whites and are uttered by a man who is not black. The average black man can be approached through his feelings alone when the matter relates to himself as a Negro. He cannot be reasoned with and he cannot reason on such questions. Not an utterance from the platform or through the magazines has ever for a moment found a lodgement in the mind of the average Negro unless it rang with praise of him.

A highly educated Negro who has been educated out of himself and become a reasonable being is as far removed from the mental life of his people as is a white man. He can lift none of his fellows up to his visual level and can arouse in them no thoughts responding to his own. The Negro who becomes intellectually free has to choose between one of three courses in life, viz., to live apart from his race, to live among them and be constantly misunderstood, or to push his own thoughts aside and come down to the people. This latter course, sad to say, is the one most generally followed.

All of this applies to the Negro of the passing generation but is qualified in its application to the New Negro. The New Negro thinks of himself first as a man and by a comparison between himself and other men forms his opinion of "what kind of a man" he, himself, is. The Old Negro thinks of himself first and last as a Negro and rejects all comparisons. The tendencies of the Old Negro are all toward the isolation of himself from the whites, the tendencies of the New Negro are directly opposite to this,

The New Negro feels sympathy with the material life of the whites and is more and more conscious of just such material wants as the whites maintain a ceaseless endeavor to satisfy. The New Negro is not content with a cabin; he wants a home. That home needs carpets, furniture and adornment. To supply these new wants requires greater effort than what was needed to sustain the cabin life and for this reason the New Negro has a motive for greater industry and greater frugality. The New Negro ardently desires to take part in making and administering laws. He is not content simply to vote, he wants his vote to count for something. He honestly seeks to discover the cause that has lead to certain past injustices concerning the exercise of his rights as a citizen and seeks to remove them. The Old Negro regards every criticism of his ascendency to power in the days of reconstruction as unjust and as due to race prejudice. The New Negro understands the actual reasons which influenced the conduct of the whites. The Old Negro is so encased in prejudice and so unreasonable that the only method of dealing with him is to restrain and suppress him within certain limits. The New Negro is open to reason, and responds to training and is to be dealt with as a man full of possibilities. The New Negro comprises less than a majority the Afro-American class of citizens. His progress in public favor is terribly retarded by the Old Negro whose persistent isolation from the motives of American life render him an alien and a menace. The Old Negro is not without many good traits and is progressive along certain lines, but there is no place for race or caste in America.

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NOAH BAXTER HITS BACK.

THE VETERAN LEADER STRIKES SOME PRETTY HARD BLOWS.

Thompson, B. Square, Henderson, Fortune and Others Hauled over the Coals—Dream that Prompted his First Letter.

MARBLE FALLS: TEX: feb: 8 1897.

MR: EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR: i knowed it: i knowed it sir: yes: i knowed it: i knowed if you was kinder nuff to print my letter i rit on new Year day that it wood Stur Up a Hornet ness: it have did it: it Have shuck All your Grate Writers: from Senter to Cercumfrass: it have made them mad as a Bull: when yon shake a Red hankerchur in his face: let me Say write Hear mr: editor: that the truth are the Red Handkerchur i hill up for the Face of your Grate nuse paper Writers: if you is going threw a Dark and Dizmul Road and a hole Pack of Dogs jumps out of the Woods after you: and you cant See none of them no how: it were so dark you cant see nothing no how: but if you fling a stick of wood or have a lite wood not: or have a brick hind you in the Dark and you here something Koller: you can mitely clear make up your mine you has Struck a dog: if you hear something more holler: you has Hit 2 dogs: if you here another hollering why you has struct Three Dogs and so on: now Mr: editor i is not lowrateting our Grate Writers to Dogs: but jess makeing a good comparesun of the case: now 3 or four of these Great Writers is Buseing me and hollering cause I Hit them so hard: 2 of them: Both Boys to me: i mean that Thompson Boy in washington d: c: and B: square in brooklin new York: buke me rite out: yes out and try to lowrate me cause i air not a book lernt man: cause i never rub my head gin the Colage Walls But is i knows i is older nuff to be there fathers and wish to push the Proggress of the Race along jess like they say They does: the Proggress can not be Pushed along Mr: Editor: by kivering up the Naked Truth: and the Naked Truth are the Race are not Doing the advanceing it done for the war. i knows it and them Boys knows it: now Mr: editor i am not Big Fool nuff to think or say that Times was better for the War as they is now: i did not Say so: them Boys know i did not Say so: what i sed were that the Men and Wimmen Was Better and Smarter for the War and if they had all the edukashun in them days is the Young Pepell now has the Proggress of the Race wood be Pushed Jam nye to the Top of the Hill: this hear young Race may be setting in the Hot sun of sivlislashun: is Mr. Square and Mr. Thompson say: But if they is: they is setting with there Hats of: and the Hot Sun is kill them up mitely Fast yes mr. editor Mitey Fast: they is all Sun Struck: yes sir: they is Sun Struck it is all very well: Mr: editor: when these Great writers is pinting the way or shaking hands with theyself: it all well when Mr: Thompson is shakeing hands with hisself: it are all well and good: when Mr: Square is shakeing hands with his self: it air all Pece and Hapiness when Mr. Washington is shakeing hands with his self: it is alrite when Mr. fortune are shakeing hands with hisself: it are perfectshun when Dr Henderson shake han with he self or doctor this or pofessur that or editor tuther: it are all well and good when they shakes hands with one ernother: and this one call that one a grate man in the nuse papers: but jess let some old leader like me who were leading for the War: for they were Born: say a Word and the Fat is in The Fire: Yes: Mr. Editor: The Fat is in the Fire: For shore: now Mr: editor I has no Ax To Grind by taking up my Pen to rite for the Good of the Race: i does not want to be Bishop nor editor of the christian Recorder as i belong to the babtis Church: i dont beleve in methodist no how: they does to much slipping and slideing: Backslideing and Frunt sliding and Side slideing and always slideing: i beleves you must be diped in the Water like John the babtis and Our Saver if you want to Go To Hevven: i does not want to start a school in Alerbamer and get a Big name: i does not want to start a secret Order and get Rich: i does not want a good fat perlittercul job in washington d: c: i does not want to go to Hatey or Libery: i wants to push the Proggress of the Race along: now: Mr: editor: i will tell you how i come to write to your papper: is that Boy Thompson say: i does Beleve in Dreams: i had a Dream 3 Weeks for crismuss: i thort it were the old times for the War and I were runing on one of misesippy Packets from Neworleans up the Missesippy River and all at once: like in a Dream the Bote turned to a ireland and all the Deck Hands stood erround me and ask me quessuns about this and that. and ask me to write down the ansir on paper I sed i cant get no perper here: they said look in your hand: i look in hand and there were the freeman in my left Hand and in my rite Hand a Gold Pen: all the Deck Hands cried out: write the Truth bout what i ask you: write the Truth: and i woke up: i studdys over my Dream for nie a week: tell the Spirit tole me to write the Truth in the freeman nuse paper: so i rit to you mr: Editor and will write the Truth tho the Hevens Fall and all the young Boys try to laff me to scorn they laffed at Moses: Noah and the Profits: they laffed at our Saer: why not me Mr. Editor: them Boys Square and Thompson can not drive me from the Print: i hole my pint: my pint are: Mr: editor: that this younger Race is weeker and biger Fools then their Fathers and Grand Fathers was: they is weaker in body: they can Not tote is much as some of we Old men they can Not stand as much hete or cold is we kinstand: they cant Pick is much cotton or due is much nuthing no how: in the next Place: they is Biger Fools for they does things that kills them up Fast: the young Race they Gambell: they Drinks: they does not take care of they helth or Boddys no sir: not even they Soles: i will lusterrate what i means: i knows all the Cullud Pepel in two counteys out here: you mite say i knows every one for a 100 Miles round Marble Falls: i conts up now nie 800 Head of our Race that i know well: and Mr: editor: would would you beleve it: i know of 67 Head of the younger Race who has growed up sinse the War some them went to Galvesten: some to Newerleans: some to Charlstown some to Mobele some up North to new York Bostus and other points out Yonder: and they all tooken sick and died: while they parrents and Grand parrents is all still a live and well: Mr Editor Here is a case i will give you: Tamor Capps Boy Mose i knowed Tamor when she were a gall: a little gal: this Boy Mose were born since the surrender in 1870: he growed up quick Tamor sent him up to a Collige in Ralley N C the state where i were Born to get His education: he Graduated in 1890 when he was 20: and went write up North now boddy knowed where: we never heared were he were tell 2 years ago when my oldest gal Lucy sent for me to go to Bostun mass: to see her: let me say rite hear: Mr: editor i is Not is Big a Fool as Square and Thompson and them other Grate Writers thinks i is: i has been to Boston 3 times since the War i is been to Baltimore m: d: 4 times: i is Ben to Washington d: c: 8 years ago to see Harrison Take his Seat is president of the u: s: i stade there jam nie 1 month with my boy Mose and went all over Town: i has Boys and Gals all over out Yonder up north and goes to see them all and no more about the proggress of the Race then some of your Grate nuse paper Writers i is ludeing to B Square and Thompson my Boys and Gals send me all the up north nuse papers and i get most all the cullud papers sent me by them also: then i takes your paper so i knows what the Race are doing is well is they does: but is i were going to say: Mr: editor: we never heerd from Mose: Tamors boy he never writ no Boddy down hear; when i were up Boston 2 year ago i got on a Street Car and who sot on the tuther side but Mose: he look up and see me and hide his head hine a nusepaper is if he were reading the nuse: he was all dress up to kill in Boston still with them gold specks what holes on your nose stuck on hissin: a white lady what sot next to him got out of the Street Car and i got up and went and sot by him Moses says i: why dont you write to your mother and send her some money she needs it very much: you is ben out here for years and you never rit home to see if we all who razed you was dead or erlive: he looks and say: is this you Uncle Noah; i sed you no it is me; you knows is well is i does; say he i gets of here; so does i; i sed Mose i will foller you all over Boston tell you give me some money to take down to your mother next Week when i goes back to Marble Falls; so we both got of the Street Car; Mose went a flying in a Licker Shop; i follow him; i were never in one for in my life but i made up my mine to foller that Boy threw Fire tell i got some money for Tamor; he ask me to have a Drink; i says to him mose you knows i drinks nothing but Simmon beer and you cant get simmon Beer up north here; leastwise not like they makes it down home; the licker store man say pop take some sider so i tuck some Mose had the man to mix up something out 4 or 5 bottles and cups and drunk it down and gave the man two bits for pay and said is you got change of a 50 dollar Bill; the man said no; i said 50 dollars is not to much for your poor mammy Mose; he say i cant spare but 40 i will send more next month i is a walley for a Rich man; what is that i said; what you all down home calls a Boddy Servant he said; jess then i went to the front door toc see what two men was fussin oout; when i turned Back Mr editor Mose were gone; where is that young man said i; he have give you the slip pop says the licker shop man; he went out the side door; where is the side door says i; he pinted it to me and i rushed out after Mose but He were gone i hunted 2 days all over for him; but could not find him; i found out he was a Rich Mans Boddy Servant and got $25 a week and spent the money with bad men and wimmin; when i got home here to Marble Falls i tole our folks about Mose; we never heard no more from Mose 6 weeks for this Crissmus when who come limpping to Taylors Ranch jess below here where Tamor lived; who come in with his face all full of Biles; his hands all full of sores; and his legs all Full of Roomeitis; and his Lungs all etup with Consumsun and a Grave Yard coff; but Mose sich as he was he tole a lie and say he sent Home to Tamor nie on to 300 dollars witch he say must be tooken out of the post Office by some one; Mose died the week for Crissmus and we Berried him over at Bever Hill berrying ground; Mr. editor there is 100 and 100 of the young Race jess like Mose all over the land north and south east and West; for i close i will ask your Grate nusepaper Writers did setting in the brite sun of sivelisation with all they book larning make Mose and 100 and 100 others live there old homes and folks and go to the Big citys of the north and south to live fast lives; do sivelisations lite pint the way to crap shooting; to drinking; to Braking all Gods commandments; is the Proggress of the Race getting pushed along when our young Race dies for they fathers and grand fathers; is the Race vancing when our young men and wimmin; 9 out of 10: is wusser denthey was in the Day of Soddum and Gomire; how many of your writers what wish me dead; i mean that B Square; will live to joy 69 years; is the Proggress of the race getting pushed along by edukated collige Breed men going up north to work is Boddy Servants Cooks Wateis Hack Drivers and Deck Hands; but Mr editor i must close i will write the rest of this letter Nex Week. Yours for the Proggress of the Race

NOAH BAXTER

A RARE SON OF GENIUS.

PROF. O. M. WOOD A MAN OF THE PEOPLE AND WHOSE HEART

Is in the Progress of the Race—His Candidacy for the Haytian Mission—His Unbounded Success in Colored Schools.

This rare son of genius was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1859, and as President Thos. W. Palmer, of the World's Fair Commission, once wrote of him, "He comes of good stock." His father was the well-known O. C. Wood, one of the pioneers of Detroit, and member of the City Board of Estimates. The boyhood and youth of our subject bear abundant testimony of the sterling traits that distinguish the man. We first learn of him as assistant in the Detroit High School, while pursuing his studies under Nicholas Lehnen, of Wiesbaden. It was said of him that he was the brightest pupil that this distinguished chemist ever had. Finding no immediate field open for the prosecution of his favorite study, and disposing of a small manufacturing business which he had built up, our hero accepted a position as teacher of a small government school in Canada. This was the turning point in his career. The master had found his art. He attended the Model Training school of Old Essex to further fit himself for his chosen life-work, and startedout to mold lives. Principal Jas. Duncan, of the Essex Model school, said of him at this time; "Young Wood will exert a great influence upon men and methods, I care not where he goes."

Three short years as a Canadian teacher, and he came west to St. Louis, passing the principal's examination here in 1880. Finding no principalship vacant, he accepted the assistant principalship of the Douglass school, at Hannibal, Mo., serving three years, returning again to St. Louis in 1883, and entering the service of the Board of Education as substitute third assistant at No. 3 school. His rise has been steady and rapid. He has been principal of three different schools, and it is the proud boast of his friends that he touched no school that he has not made better in every way. His present school, the renowned L'Overture, which received a special award of merit at the hands of the World's Fair Award Committee, stands an enduring monument to the man that in five years has given these results: From six teachers to twenty-one teachers; from 200 pupils to 1,000 pupils; this attests organizing capacity and managerial ability.

Probably no man in the city of St. Louis is so widely and favorably known. So near is he to the hearts of his people that his birthday was publicly celebrated a few years ago' on which occasion Hon. E. H. Long, Supt. of Public schools, said: "I deem it an honor to have Mr. Wood connect with our school system, and I am pleased to announce that he came during my superintendency."

O. M. Wood is essentially a commoner, a man of the people, whose heart is in the progress of the race. An indefatigable worker, his time and ample means are ever ready at the call of the helpless and needy.

His candidacy for the Haytian Mission has developed his wonderful popularity. The best citizens, white and colored, at home and abroad, are endorsing his application. Merchants, manufacturers, bankers, brokers and railroad magnates are not only endorsing him, but are writing personal letters in his behalf. He was also a candidate for this same position eight years ago, but an ante-election promise to the Hon. Frederick Douglass precluded the possibility of appointment, and Mr. Wood, refusing "something equally as good," preferred to remain "where he is known best and loved best."

Mr. Wood has always been an earnest, ardent Republican. It was said of Von Moltke that he won as many battles from his desk in the War Office at Berlin, as in later days in the field. The work of our candidate for the Republican party has before this year been of that quiet, unostentatious kind that makes votes and changes results. He is one of the shrewdest manipulators that the Negro race has. Time and opportunity will surely bring the hour when his genius will be grandly recognized. As shrewd a politician as Maj. Albert Griffin of the State Republicon Committee, said on one occasien, "I consider Mr. Wood the surprise of this Presidential year. We will hear from him again, and in National politics! A prediction that is likely to bear fruit even almost before the words have died away.

Missouri, this year, was the hot bed of Bryanism. Recognizing the fact that the basis of the Republican majority in some sections of the state was the Negro vote, the Free Silverites, were early in the field, sent out emissaries to capture the Negro vote. They were making inrards upon it, when the State Central Committee, recognizing the danger, sent their best man, Mr. Wood, into the field. It was another case of that famous Winchester Ride. In every section that he went, stragglers returned to fight, the batteries were again manned, the drooping standards raised, and the ranks stood firm against persuasion or threats, and voted a straight ticket for McKinley, Sound Money and Protection. His tour through the state was a triumphant march of Republicanism. Crowded houses greeted him everywhere. His fame spread throughout the state, and oft-times he was obliged to speak in the public square, because the crowds could be no where else accommodated. Hon. Robt. E. Lewis, candidate for Governor, said of his addresses, "His wit is sparkling, his logic convincing and his argument irresistible." Extracts from Mr. Wood's speeches were copied everywhere. He is the author of that oratorical gem which appeared in the "New York World," and is said to be one of the brightest of its kind ever delivered: "Carve me a statue, Sculptor, Great, of marble, pure and white, out of the vast possibilities of that snowy block, with skillful hand and trained eye; carve out thine own soul's ideal, a statesman pure and good and great, whose only aim is his country's honor, whose only glory is his country's good; place it upon a pedestal of pure gold, tried in the crucible of our country's peril, only to emerge cleaner, purer, brighter than before. Then, O, Muse of History, take thy glowing pencil and write upon that base, in flashing capitals, that shall give back the glorious effulgence of the noon-day sun, 'This is the apotheosis of American manhood, the Hon. Wm. McKinley.'"

Mold me an image of flowing mud, O, worker in clay, let the double head represent on one side the bartered Populist, and on the other the betrayed Democrat; let one hand grasp the hissing serpent of anarchy, and the other the strident pitch-fork of demagogery; place the image upon a pedestal of free silver, facing idle mills, empty marts, unproductive farms, despairing men, hungry women and ragged children. Then, O, Oblivion's Angel, write thou upon its base: 'This is the incarnation of American jingoism, Wm. Jennings Bryan." When the college boys noisily interrupted him at Columbia with the Frog Chorus from Aristophanes, he joined in, much to their astonishment, and then said quietly to them, "If there is one of you fellows in this hall at the conclusion of my address, I'll take up Sophocles and skin you alive." It is needless to say that he was not disturbed further that evening.

If the old war-horses are passing away, in their places are springing up younger men, scholarly, eloquent and forceful. Doesn't it make your heart leap to know that there are men following in the footsteps of the departed Douglass, who can so eloquently say, "I am a Negro—and the bearded Ali, glittering in scarlet and stell, and bearing aloft all day long, in the brunt of the glorious battle, the studded gate as a brazen buckler, never was more proud that he was a Mohometan, than I, that I am a Negro. Strong, alert, tactful, scholarly, eloquent. this is the man that the great state of Missouri, and the wide west gives to the McKinley administration. No Negro in the west is so widely and favorably known. None possessed in a greater degree of those manifold qualities which go to make up the ideal diplomat. If President McKinlsy believes that those should be recognized who stood firm and fought for the old party in '96, as they fought for the old flag in '63 then we, the Negroes of Imperial Missouri, this lately boiling, seething caldron of Bryanism, we that gave to the grand old party the possibitities of a net gain of 77,000 Republican votes over '92; we, who are giving the grand old party Republican Congressmen in St. Louis to stand like oases amid the desolate waste of a Democratic delegation, ask the recognition of the race by the appointment of Prof. O. M. Wood to the Haytian Mission.

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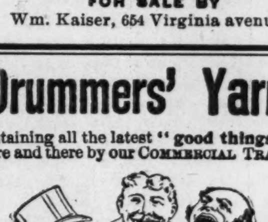
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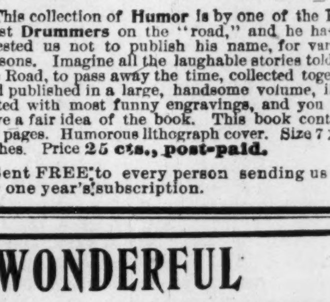
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A REMEDY FOR THE SOCIAL

EVIL—WHY SHOULD WE ABANDON OUR FALLEN WOMEN?

Christ's Method of Dealing with Her—Men and Women of Character and Education Must go in the Slums for the Unfortunates.

EDITOR FREAMAN:

"It frequently happens that repentant sinners become more holy and pleasing to God than those who have never fallen. There are a multitude of persons who go through life in a safe, uninteresting mediocrity, that have never beeen exposed to temptation; they are not troubled with violent passions; they have nothing to try them; they have never attempted great things for the glory of God; they have never been thrown upon the world and in a certain sense they are innocent and upright."

"It seems to me that we are always mistaking our conditions for our natures and saying that human nature is greedy and mean, and false and cruel, when only its conditions are so. Human nature has always been better than its conditions and ready for new and fitter conditions. although many sages have tried to rivet the old ones upon it out of some such mistaken kindness as would forbid the crustacean a change of shell."

For at the window of my home
I looked forth through my lattice
And behold, among the simple ones
I decerned among the youths
A young man
Void of understanding

Passing through the street near her corner.
And he went to her house
In the twilight, in the evening of the day
In the blackness of night and the darkness
And behold! there met him a woman
With the attire of a Harlot and wily of heart
—Solomon

It is most encouraging to note that some of the leading writers and thinkers of the race are beginning to devote attention to the consideration of the questions of pauperism, crime and the sosocial evil as they affect the race. We are glad to know that a few among us have the courage to face actual social conditions and to seek both a solution and a cure.

The social evil is older than the history of civilization. Society has pursued several courses in dealing with the ills which this sin inflicts upon a community, but in nearly all the remedies proposed, society has abandoned the abandoned woman to herself. The ancient Jews sought to repress her altogether. They punished offences against the seventh commandment by death. This was also the method in ancient Rome. Rome also tried confication of goods and furniture, flogging and banishment, but repression has failed wherever tried. Falling to prohibit, segregation has been tried. The abandoned woman has been put in a quarter of the city by herself, made to wear a peculiar dress and practice her unholy calling within prescribed limits. This was tried by St. Louis in France, also in the fifteenth century in Spain. Within the present century it has been tried in Rome, but Cardinal Simeoni has testified that the attempt to district vice was a stupendous failure.

A third method which has been tried in dealing with the social evil is regulation. It has been said, "this woman is abandoned; she is beyond hope and help,. yet the city cannot do without her. It would not be safe if she did not exist, therefore, we will license her." This was tried in ancient Greece and has been tried in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, St. Lous, Cleveland and Davenport, Ia., but it has been proven that the social evil has been worse under license than under legal prohibition.

Christ method of dealing with the social evil was that it can be cured, that such are not beyond hope. Of the woman who was a sinner Crist said by his act, "Her womanhood is not dead but sleepeth," to her he said, "Thy faith has saved thee, go in peace." To those who criticised him he said in effect, "she is not abandoned of God, she is not abandoned of herself, why should we abandon her, why should we help every other sinner and not this one, why open the doors to every other sinner and close them to this one?" Christ's principle was that vice in woman is curable and also that vice was no less culpable in man. This then is the bed rock principle stated by the Master.

We cannot afford to cast the erring and fallen of our race into outer darkness. Let the conditions be known, let us believe with the Master that there is a remedy, that the disease can be cured and let us seek to apply the cure. While speaking of the social evil I desire to recite some statistics relating to crime taken from the eleventh United States census, 1890. We quote these as they are the most reliable and complete statistics obtainable. On this date there were 82,439 prisoners confined in prison in the United States, of this number 24,277 Negroes. The ratio of the whites were 1041 to 1,000,000 of population and of the colored 3,275 to 1,000,000 population. Of the total 24,277 Negro criminals 178 were charged with offences against the government; 3,266 were charged with offences against society; 6,740 were charged with offences against the person; 11,577 were charged with offences against property.

The report recites that in respect to color, the percentage of whites charged with offences against society is twice as great as that of Negroes, while the percentage of Negroes charged with crimes against the person is nearly twice as great as that of whites.

"In respect to race. Negro offenders show a marked tendency to crimes against property." The report also states that of the prisoners who had double charges brought against them, more than one-third were Negroes, and of the 24,277 Negro prisoners at the date of the last census, twelve were under the age of ten years, 4,328 were between ten and nineteen years of age, 12,061 were between twenty and twenty-nine years of age, 4,456 were between thirty and thirty-nine years of age. The census report recites that the tendency of the Negro to commit crime at an early age and the predominance of the Negro element in the present population of the South explains the comparative youth of southern prisoners. Of course we all are aware of the quality of mercy and of the way justice is weighed to the Negro in the southern and in almost every other section of our country, but taking this into account, we cannot avoid the conclusion that much of this condition is due to lack of proper moral training and guidance in the impressionable years of childhood. Of the 24,277 Negro prisoners at the date of our last census, 9,343 could both read and write; 249 of them had high school or academic training, 59 had a college or university education, 8 had been trained in scientific schools, three in medical colleges, two in law schools and none in the theological seminaries. The percentage of the white criminals who could neither read nor write was 10.68 and of the colored 54.13. The percentage of whites who could both read and write was 86 58 and of Negroes 33.88. We are safe insaying that between the years of '90 and 1900 there will be no decrease in the ratios and percentages relating to crime, as the statistics show that the ratio of increase among Negro criminals between 80 and 90 was 29 percent.

Evidently the time has come, when knowing the facts relating to our condition, we must seek a remedy. The federation of colored women's clubs, we were pleased to note, considered at their meeting in Washington last summer, the question of Negro criminals and appointed a committee as we understand, to inquire into their condition, especially the treatment and care of Negro criminals in the southern states. It is not our purpose to discuss the question as to whether we are better or worse than other people, or either to minify or magnify our faults and virtues by comparing them with the faults and virtues of other people. The thing for us to do is to seek to remedy and correct the evils of which exist.

Our metropolitan churches can do much in the larger cities to assist in curing the social evils, pauperism and crime. I have felt this for years, and I trust it will not be in bad taste for your writer to give a brief acount of the work which the church of which he is pastor is doing. We have in our church an organization known as the Men's Sunday Club which meets every Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. This organization has an average attendance of more than 250 men each Sunday. In the month of January the club was addressed by the following speakers: Revs. Graham Taylor, D. D., of the University Settlement of Chicago, on the "Art of living and working together;" Judge Eldridge Hanecy on the "Dignity of the Law," Rev. P. S. Henson on the "Future of the Republic," Dr. A. R. Abbott on "Colored Man or American, which," Hon. E H. Morris on the "Tax Payer and Good Citizenship." The program for February is equally attractive. We have a Young Women's Guild with over sixty members working among the young women both of the church and city. For the purpose of visitation, rescue and relief, we have districted that portion of the city wherein most of our people reside, have organized a board of deaconesses, assigning two to each district. Two of our deaconess will work in conjunction with two deaconess from the Methodist Deaconess' Home of this city, among the criminal classes and in the prisons. True this is not much, but it marks a beginning.

To your writer this much is clear, that the Negro settlements or districts in our towns and cities where the criminal and vicious elements predominate, as well as our numerous rural populations in the southern states must not be abandoned as fields of educational work and religious and moral effort. Such schools as Tuskgee, Ala., Paul Quinn at Waco, Tex., Allen University, S. Carolina and a multitude of others are performing a work of moral and spiritual redemption.

In our cities we need, among the vicious and degraded of our people along with missions, something on the order of social settlements where men and women of our race, of character, education culture and refinement will go into these slum districts and make their homes, giving to their fallen and unfortunate brothers and sisters the inspiration both of their example and their love, giving moral help and putting them in the way of self help, giving counsel and sympathy and compelling them to feel that they are shut out neither from contact nor assistance, from the better element of our people. The ways of the erring cannot be mended by weeping over the statistics of illegitimacy, vice and crime. These people will not come to us, to our better churches and to the helpful influences that are within reach of the more favored, we must go to them. At last we are beginning to realize that we have a moral and social problem, and some of the talent and ability which now feels that it is going to waste for want of opportunity and which is pining for worlds to conquer, has here a vast empire, diseased and plague stricken, it is true, but still an empire, teeming with thousands lost to virtue and honor, let them enter and possess it.

"Tell me now, John, dare you be
One of the minority;
To be lowly in your thought,
Never visited nor sought,
Shunned with secret shrug, to go
Through the world esteemed foe.

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For Justice, Truth and Right;
Of how, from human cattle,
We changed to men of might.

Say not in song or story,
Our home, our native land,
Will not—with all its glory—
Give us what we demand:

The right to live as freemen.
As natives of the soil,
In all and all, to be men
And progress by our toil.

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Say not the path looks bright
Say not—or stop professing
The future's black as night.

—AUGUSTUS M. HODGES.

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One of the greatest revivals ever known in this city is in progress at the A. M. E. church, Rev. T. E. Wilson pastor. Between thirty-eight and forty have confessed Christ and still they come. Never before were such crowds known to fill the church from pulpit platform to door. One of the results of the meeting was the conversion of a man 93 years old, who remembers distinctly and can talk intelligently of many men and events that happened in in General Jackson's term of presidency. Last Sunday Rev. Wm. Bowman and Rev. Carter of the Baptist church, preached able sermons morning and night. In the afternoon a revival jubilee was held and oh, what a time. Many strangers are in town. The snow continues with us. Several sick viz., Mr. Weaver, Mr. Nucem, Miss Rena Stewart and Mrs. Burden. Rev. Bowman is in his glory, and the people say amen.

Leadville Cullings.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Rev. J. T. Smith and wife are spending some time in Colorado Springs for their health. Dudley Johnson is quite sick. Mrs. D. C. Woodson has just recovered from a severe attack of la grippe. Mrs. Mamie Roots is on the sick list. Mrs. Cora Tumblin of Canon City, is in the city for an indefinite period. Elder P. A. Hubbard spent several days in the city, while holding the second quarterly meeting for this conference year. H. L. Jones is suffering from a bruised head, the results of a close contact with the baggage at the Midland depot. Later news brings the sad report that Rev. Mrs. J. T. Smith is seriously ill in Colorado Springs, and that Rev. Smith is suffering with rheumatism. We hope for their recovery; they are much missed from their church and society, and they have the sympathy of their many friends. Mrs. Eliza Toliver is indisposed. Mrs. A. J. Young, who has been very sick, is convalescent. Lewis Winters of Denver, who has been here all winter, and is a member of the State Militia, is very sick.

Personal Mention.

Niles, Mich., Special.

Owing to sickness the comic opera has been postponed until late in the season. Jay Powers who has been laid up with rheumatism for the past week is able to be out again. F. J. Jones now occupies part of the Casino, with a barber shop Mrs. Etta Wilson, of Chicago, was called here by the illness of her mother Mrs. Rebecca Davis. Jessie Carter visited Elkhart, Ind., last week, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart has returned to Niles, and have rooms on North Second street.

A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

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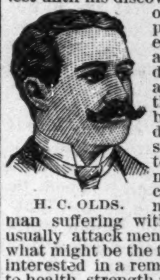

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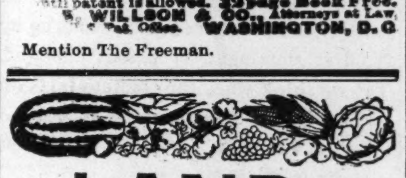

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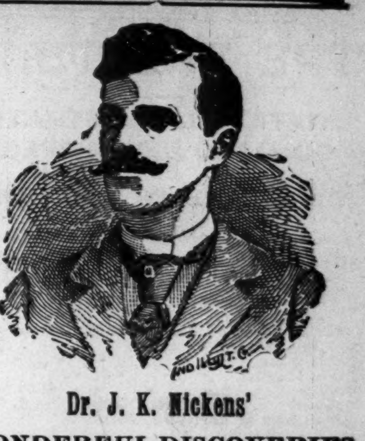

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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

The position of the Indianapolis Freeman on the school question is the correct one to take Of course the Freeman will be attacked by those who do not or can not look ahead. The Freeman's argument on this question is tenable, reasonable, and in the main, unanswerable. — Leavenworth (Kan.) Herald.

The Freeman takes great pleasure in re-stating that its position on the school question is simply unanswerable. Egoism may be considered en rapport at this juncture, but we maintain that material prosperity has the first call on any part of the ground. Legislators who desire to make sweeping reforms that have so much at stake, should have some data to offer the people, at least those who suffer, by which they may know what substitute is to be offered. Even should it be a question of bread and butter purely, no man's bread and butter is to be taken from him with impunity. The white trades unions have taught a vast lesson when it demonstrated so thoroughly time and time again that the concerns of even one man was the concern of a million. The industries of a dozen states have been paralyzed, laying prone and prostrate, all for the concerns of one man It is a bread and butter war—a war in which the whole world is most actively engaged. The handful of teachers that benefit directly may be the immediate recipients, but the race ultimately receives the increment. The question of the race—its most vexed question is what shall it eat to-morrow? Under its manifold difficulties—race proscription, lynchings and its utter destitution financially, and its utter inability to receive proper employment, any other race living midst the highest civilization known, would have long ago succumbed to the inevitable. It is true that school teaching can not relieve the situation largely, but there is a certain amount of respect for the race that accrues through the profession. This also would go. Cleveland and Chicago have nothing to offer but fewer teachers for their colored people. Not a single avenue of new employment has been opened. The bare abstract idea of rights with chances of livelihood denied, is a new problem for political economists.

ANOTHER PHASE OF THE COLOR LINE.

As a citizen of Tennessee, we favor the Tennessee Centennial and hope to see it a grand success, but as a Negro, and one who ever expects to remain a Negro, one who is content with his surroundings, one who would not revolutionize things in a day, had we the power to do so, we for these and many other reasons, oppose the Negro department. Not that we have any ill will or bad feeling toward any colored gentleman at the head of the concern. In fact, Professor Hill is our neighbor, and a gentleman for whom we have the highest regard, but notwithstanding this personal friendship heretofore existing, and which we would much like to have perpetuated, there is a principle upon which we base our objection, and this principle we can not afford to sacrifice, let it cost us what it may. The better class of white people, North and South, are watching us. We have preached to them that all we wanted was justice in the courts of the country, protection to life and property, and a chance to follow our every day pursuits undisturbed and unmolested by any person or or class of persons, and that we do not desire, nor ask for any part or parcel in any way, of their social gatherings whatever. We don't want to attend their churches or their schools, we don't want to visit their families, we don't want to ride with them in the cars if equal accommodations can be had separately. We want the white man to learn these facts, and when he does, he will not be mad every time he accidently rubs against a Negro. Some white folks think that the Negro's whole study is how to get with them, but they are mistaken. The Negro is a contented and happy being all to himself. The Negro woman is the delight, and the only delight of the Negro man's heart. We want no Negro department in the Centennial or anything else.—Nashville Palladium.

The above article may not accord with the ideas of many others for opposing an exclusive Negro exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial, but it proves most conclusively that these color questions are not viewed alike by thinking people. The article goes far in proving that no man has a right to proclaim to his fellow man a mode of procedure in bringing the greatest amount of good to the greatest numbers. The Palladium is on a good trail when it says, "Some white folks think that the Negro's whole study is how to get with them," winding up with the statement "but they are mistaken." The latter statement could have been ommitted just as well as not. The fact borne by the first statement is patent enought. Yet we think since the Centennial is on and the Negro department is an assured thing, it would be impolitic to attempt to knife it.

AFRICA, TOO.

The humanity of civilized Europe is exhibited in such a curious way and one-sided fashion, that the African may be excused for being skeptical in regard to the reality of a sentiment which appears to be influenced entirely by considerations of prudence or policy. It is notorious that this sentiment is always conspicuously absent where the African is concerned. Civilized Europe loses every touch of moral sensibility when it comes to the matter of fighting the African. And though the latter be armed only with flint-lack, assegai or bow and arrow, he is assailed with Maxim, Nordenfeldt and dynamite shell, employed with all the fierceness and effect of ruthless barbarism. European soldiers and officers rush with eager precipitancy to Africa to engage in a conflict in which the arms are practically all on one side and the risk all on the other. And as has been recently illustrated in the case of the Matabele, become animated with the wildest force of blood-thirsty passion, and shoot and hunt the native down like wild beasts, burning up and plundering his kraals and blowing up with dynamite the caves in which he seeks shelter; very little, if any, discrimination being had for sex or age in the wholesale work of destruction. Humanity is wholly and completely extinguished in this bloody carnage in which the risk is all on one side But whenever complications arise in Europe threatening war, and where the risk of death would be equal on both sides, then curiously enough, there is a sudden development of moral sensibility, and the humanity of Europe becomes aghast at "the frightful horrors of an European war."—Lagos Weekly Record.

It will be the herculean task of Negroes the world over to prevent themselves from being labeled cheap in the future. The tendency here shown up graphically by the African journal is the same in kind as displayed in this country—the whole object seemingly is to unclass the Negro, and to allow him no standing whatever at the court of general respect. It is very certain now that valuation and worth can only make Negroes desirable. Resources must be husbanded if the wheels of Negro progress continue rolling in every direction.

Do you admire the Star Supplement?—Star of Zion.

The Star Supplement of last week is an admirable sheet. The A. M. E. Zion church is set forth with tact and taste. The cuts of the church houses, bishops and dignitaries are well executed and faithful pictures of the persons represented. The epitomized history of the church extending over a period of a hundred years, is succinctly put. Bishops Hood, Walters and Holiday are very well known in Indianapolis. The sheet is simply indispensable to those who desire a brief but satisfactory account of the church.

The Indianapolis Freeman has found a religious policeman Well, the bible does speak of the occurrences of wonders to happen before the end of time. —Americus (Ga) Pen.

We beg leave to say that the majority of our colored policemen in this city are on the proper side, and to use the language of Rev. L. M. Hagood of this city, the rest will get in for "slippins."

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BY DR. M. A. MAJORS, DECATUR, ILL.

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Found always foremost in the van,
Fighting for country, race and life,
Promoter and wager of the strife
And freedom, destined to Cuba give
So unborn generations yet may live
'Thout fighting that they may be free,
'Thout fighting yes, for liberty.

Forging against tyrannic Spain,
Resenting all her cursed reign
Doomed to go for mankind's sake
Every inch and bravely take
The field, against a thousand wrongs
That poets may write thee in their songs
For us to sing, and better know
Thy valor, noble Maceo.
'Tis said abroad that thou art dead;
We scarce believe what the press has said
For such as thee was born to live
A thousand years—good time to give
To human hearts the patriot's fire,
And soothe a struggling people's ire.

No, Maceo man of Negro blood!
Great general, leader, stem the flood.
Thou art not dead, thou canst not die—
The names of brave men answer why?
We know full well how thou has striven,
To give thy life, how well 'twas given!
That Cubans might be free from sway
Of cursed Spain, we long the day
That cruel chains and galling yoke
Might cursed Spaniards as them choke,
That freedom from the damning foe
Come through thy manhood Maceo.

We honor thee high valiant man,
We copy from thy monstrous plan
To wake the fires of freeman's breast
In Southland, that they might attest
Their manhood in their fight, bestow
On freemen thy mantle, Maceo.

The awful wonders of thy work
Has taught men not their duties shirk,
If called to face the canon's roar
They came to thy bugle call and bore
Men, fellows from the carnage field
And let their valor serve as shield,
Pitted against a dozen such
Their number, as their sword they clutch
To make the long strong fight to free
Themselves, Oh! Cuba, libre!
Maceo, man, immortal one,
Bravest, greatest, matchless son,
Of black decent, we honor thee
And pray for Cuba's liberty.

When sage shall clutch historic pen,
To give biography of matchless men,
Thy name, Oh! Maceo, high up the roll
Shall be well written in penman's scroll;
So well as thou with sword has done,
In all the battles thou hast won—
That men unborn may study thee
And learn to fight, yes, to be free,
Yes, learn that fleecy locks can give,
The world great men, and ought to live,
And Maceo, man of nerve and steel
If in heaven or earth, thou sure dost feel
Pulsations warm in hearts of all
Who like thee goes at country's call,
And knowing if on earth or heaven
That Cuban's will this ninety-seven
Win freedom by thy noble life
And bring to end the carnage strife.

Thy race bemoans thy ill-timed fate
And bubbling o'er with murderous hate
For Spain, traducer, with bloodful lust
Erases her name from' mong the just.
The world looks on with eagle eye
And saw thy sword 'tween earth and sky,
When urging men to bravely fight
For freedom Maceo, man of right,
The world to-day, yes, all do know,
How thou hast fought, brave Maceo.

Ex-President Harrison in his opinion as an attorney for the Citizens Street Railway company doubtless has helped the cause of the old company, but notwithstanding that, it must soon retire. The city does not mean to confiscate its property, nor does it mean to figure it at fancy prices like those on which it pays dividends. A company that so waters its stock as to make it appear to be worth three or four times its value, can not expect any such prices for the same. The fact that the earnings can stand the dividends is no evidence that the property is actually valued at the rate. No perpetual charter should be granted to any corporation that is so closely allied to the public welfare. The company should pay liberally for its privileges, and care for the part of the streets it occupies.

A NERVY MAN.

Galveston, Tex., according to geographical location, is distinctly South, but in that town lives the nerviest Negro on the globe. He is the editor of the Times of that city. It appears that the Times was commenting on something that occured among the white people. Some one man tried to speak for everybody concerned. He accordingly address a letter to the Times in about this language:

To the Times of Galveston Tex
I had the pation to read the peace in your scrap of a paper today but I wasent at all surprised at you—and if I ever read by chance any more of your peacies concerning we Bryan and Brazos Co people I will see what I can do for you * * *

The above is literatum et spellatim. The letter is about four times the length of the extract given, thoroughly interspersed with choice adjectives that lend snap to the writer's style. But to cap it all, the Times published the white gentleman's letter entirely, which letter contains threats of lynching and burning. The editor of the Times, nothing daunted, heads his article "Shut up, You Pup." He then proceeds to give the gentleman who wrote the letter the most unmerciful scoring ever recorded. Among the many things he says:

Mr. Warran will show you the Times office, its an old delapidated wooden building, pair of red cheese cloth curtains at the door, knock if you want to, on the curtains of course; by the window you'll see a big burly black nigger sitting on a beer keg, writing on a cracker box with a piece of charcoal—that's me—just come right in and I'll make things as warm as possible rather after we are through discussing lynch law and the damage estimated -I will either notify Levy Bros. or Tim Finn; maybe Walthall will be of service in the teeth-straightening line; Doc Dickerson will furnish necessary bandages and "me"—dis coon will pay for all damages and breakage - den we'll—dat is me 'en yu'll—go out an' see de aluminum water tank "Texas."

After a further scoring he inserts this:

If any body thinks they can burn a Negro in Galveston let 'em get a hump on 'emselves.

The letter written to the editor was highly provoking. But there remains little doubt but that the writer of the letter has been "cleaned up."

The Tuskegee Institute receives a bequest of $3,000 in the will of the late Miss Ellen Thurston, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

We extend our sympathy to T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the Age, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his father.

Race love is the element that is so wonderfully lacking in the race. A desire that borders on frenzy exists to tear down a fellow man when he is in the ascendancy.

The people of Baltimore have petitioned the authorities to provide their schools with colored teachers. After many years they have just begun to make headway in this direction.

What will the harvest be? is the great question that disturbs the minds of the Negro politician. Every state has its first citizens who are standing eagerly listening for the drum tap.

The reported intention of Hon. Geo. W. Murray, of South Carolina,

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St. Louis, Mo. See sketch on 2d page.

to interrupt the vote for President, has been the means of stirring up a good deal of race and sectional hate that has been dormant for some time. Yet it was only slumbering. It had only to be scratched and it was there in the old form.

The great conundrum is how to provide for the vast number of colored men who represent the people, yet when in office can provide for so few. It is patent that the Negro should have offices with some patronage.

The Negro is sadly in need of money. There can be no substitute for it. When a Negro man spends money and becomes important from a commercial point of view, the color of his skin and the fibre of his hair are all lost in the mad rush of the Caucasian to his pocket and its contents.—Texas Baptist Star.

In commenting on the action of the A. M. E. church for proposing presenting the President-elect the bible upon which he will take the oath of offic, the Star of Zion, the official organ of the A. M. E. Zion church, has this to say:

We do not blame Bethel for hustling to do something famous with the incoming administration since the new President said last October that the finest orators that had visited him durthe campaign came from the A. M. E Zion church.

It is very evident that these two great churches are in for sustaining their reputations, and that just a little jealousy or rivalry exist. It seems good natured and rather amusing.

There are said to be over thirty colored men and one colored woman admitted to the bar in Illinois, most of whom are successfully practicing the profession in Chicago. The colored woman is Miss Ida Platt, a Chicago High School graduate, who also graduated from the Chicago College of Law. One of the colored lawyers of Chicago is John G. Jones, who is the highest colored Mason in the world, and said to be the only colored Mystic Shriner in America. He studied law under Colonel Ingersoll. There are said to be ten colored students studying in the various offices and law schools in Chicago.—Ex.

Egyptian Preacher to Lecture.

Guthrie, Ky., Special.

Rev. Ahlimedah Pashash, an Egyptian preacher, visited our town last week, enroute to St. Louis, Mo., and arranged to lecture at the A. M. E. church sometime in the near future. Mrs Sylvia Simpkins and her accomplished daughter, Miss Ruth, have opened a first class boarding house on Railroad avenue. Sidney Clark is spoken of in connection with the postoffice at Rossview, Tenn. The public school will give a closing concert at the A. M. E. church in a few days under the management of Prof. G. P. Brown. The African banquets at Rossview and Guthrie were very successful. The pupils of Rossview school tendered Mrs. L. J. Locket, their teacher, a birthday dinner in the chapel of the school last Friday. Rev. E. H. Dennis, of Nashville, Tenn, was in town last week. Rev. G. M. Fisher preached at the Gilfield Baptist church recenly. Communion service was held at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. Miss Lucy M. Davis, after spending a few days with Mrs. Amy H. Hampton, of Roseview, has returned. See her and get The Freeman. Choral classes have been organized at St. Matthew and Avery Chapel A. M. E. churches. They rendered excellent music last Sunday. The next in order will be an orchestra, as the young men have organized a brass band.

Atlanta's Negro Scholars.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

Atlanta has more eminently cultured Negroes than any city in the Union. In this city is found Bishop H. M. Turner, the most forciful Negro in the world, and an all-round scholar; President James M. Henderson, of Morris Brown College, a graduate of Oberlin College, '81, an able theologian, an eminent lawyer of the Supreme Court, of Michigan, who holds the chair of mental and moral philosophy and teaches the classes in German; Prof. A. St. George Richardson, of Morris Brown College, is a master of mathematics from simple arithmetic to differential calculus; Prof. C. H. Turner, of Clarke University, an able scientist, who is author of several original works in science, among them: "The Structure of the Avian Brain," next, "Structure of the Nervous System of Cypries," "Psychological Notes on the Gallory Spider'" "The American Ostracoda." He is a specialist in Biology; Rev. M. M. Ponton, professor of theology at Morris Brown College, a graduate of Lincoln University and the University of Boston, a specialist in the Oriental languages; Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, professor of historical theology in Gammon, a graduate of the University of New Orleans and of Boston University, an excellent scholar in the Semitic languages. He has several able publications; Prof. W. H. Crogman, professor of Latin and Greek at Clarke University, one of the ablest classic scholars in America. These are but specimens of the scholarly Negroes who are engaged in the work of education in the Gate City of the South.

Tuscumbia News Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

The Negro day in the city school on the 5th inst., was a success in all respects. The day will long be remembered. Prof. R. L. Hyde has gone to Normal, Ala., to be store keeper. Miss C. N. Ross has a splendid school at Leighton. She is an honored graduate of the A. and M. College at Normal. Prof. G. W. Trenholn spoke to the people of Cave Springs, on the 7th inst. S. E. Noil, the teacher there is doing an excellent work. Health is splendid in our city at present. We do not know of a single case of sickness. Miss E. T, Brown, one of the city school teachers, spent Saturday and Sunday, the 13th and 14th at Dickson, where she enjoyed a pleasant time. Miss Julia Meredith and Julia Finley spent a few days at Dickson and Cheerokee last week. Prof. J. M. Morgan of Darlington, was in the city on the 13th. Mrs. Wass Ross and and Miss A. Fountaine paid Florence a flying visit on the the 13th. Miss H. H. Scoggins was called upon by Mr. Evans of Florence, Ala., last Sunday. Rev. A. A. Sensabough reads more newspapers than any other colored preacher in the city. Mrs. L. B. Meredith visited Sheffield on the 13th. Mrs. D. W. Austin has returned from Mississippi. Her many friends were glad to see her. Prof. J. B. Sterling of Sheffield, is visiting our city. The Baptist Young People's Union will meet every Monday night at the Baptist church.

"No Such Word as Fail."

Louisville, Ky., Special:

"In the lexicon of youth for a bright manhood there is no such word as fail." This illustrious quotation of Garfield is very appropriate connected with the rising life of Mr. Isaac Fisher, now Prof. of languages at the State University. Mr. Fisher graduated with the highest honors from the State University last year, taught school five months at the expiration of which time he was called to the position he now occupies. W. H. Lawson, probably the oldest United Brother in the state, has been seriously ill at the Auxilary Hospital. Mrs. Robert Ray Smith is also on the sick list. John Wilkins of 733 Center street, met with a serous accident Saturday while papering a ceiling. He fell sustaining a broken limb. The little two year old infant of Mrs. Fannie Porter, of W. Kentucky street, was buried Monday. The National Medical School is preparing for the closing. The commencement bids fair to be the most successful since its opening. Mr. Porter, the eminent young divine, has returned from his native state, Alabama where he has been teaching. Mr. Porter expects to enter the class of theology at the State University. It is given out upon good authority that the editor of the Lexington Standard, the leading Negro paper of Central Kentucky, is in a deal to establish his plant in this city. Mr. Johnson is quite a journalist and will add much to Louisville's society by the fearless publication of much needed reforms. Louisville can proudly boast of several young lawyers, and many leading doctors. For most of the first class is the Hon. A. E. White now an applicant for the Liberian Mission. On next Monday night the college society of the Fifth street church will give a delightful entertainment at the residence of H. H. Stewart.

Clarinda, (Ia,) News Notes.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Wm. Brown has improved. A. Cartmill is on the sick list. An ice cream social was given at the A. M. E. church Friday night. Miss Georgia Stewart was the guest of Mrs. A. Cartmill and Mrs. Wm. Brown Tuesday. A concert will be given at the A. M. E. church the 20th. The churches are having much success in literary work. Miss Emma Lewis is on the sick list. Miss M. Louneer and Mrs. J. E. Jackson taken dinner at Mrs. Cartmill's Sunday. Mrs. Susan Baker was called to Council Bluff on the account of the death of her brother. Rev. Mendenhall has returned from Bedford. Mrs. Amanda Long lost a very fine plush cape on Tenth and Lincoln street. Mr. Casen is still on the sick list. Rev. Menenhall is on the sick list. Rev. Knight has gone to Bedford on business.

Wedding Bells are Ringing.

Columbus, O., Special.

C. L. Maxwell, of Xenia, paid us a visit recently. Capt. Ned Brown, who has been sick some time, is able to be out. Messrs. Wilbur Key, C. Garner, Dr. Y H. Dickerson and Edward Triplett attended the Ohio Republican State League, at Zanesville, O, last week. C. Higginboton and Mrs. Hester Malvin were united in marriage recently. The Franklin county Afro-Americans will hold a convention on the 22d inst., for the purpose of selecting a candidate to be presented to the county convention for a member of the legislature.

Death Notice—Personal Mention.

Lexington, Miss., Special.

Mrs. Rosa Anderson, one of Lexington's oldest colored citizens, died at her home Feb. 12th. The friends do heartily share a part of her husband, Jessie and daughter Leatha's sorrows.

Mardi Gras

New Orleans, La., March 2 and 3, 1897. The rate of one fare for the round trip will be made via the Queen & Crescent Route February 26th to March 1st. to New Orleans account Mardi Gras. It is the only line running solid vestibuled trains to New Orleans, and is eighty-six miles shortest. A trip over the Queen & Crescent to the quaint and intensely interesting city by the Gulf made to include a visit during the Mardi Gras season is delightful from start to finish. For further information call on or address: Chas. W. Zell, D P. A., W. C. Rinearson, Gen'l Pass'r Ag't, Cincinnati, O.

Lost Relatives.

Mrs. Alexander Bailey, nee Sarah Catherine Hunt, a prominent resident of our city, is desirous of locating Wm. Henry Harrison Hunt, Mary Jane Hunt, Francis Russell Hunt, Charlie Hunt, and Margaret Hunt, her mother; who formerly belonged to Jim Crain and came from Poplar Plains, Ky., to Lexington Ky., in 1850. Any information leading to their discovery will be thankfully received by Mrs. Bailey, 2120 Lucas avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Closing of School.

Otho, Ala., Special

N. D B. Poole's school closed the 25th. The examination was conducted by Prof. C. M. Wells, principal of the Baptist Academy, Eufaula, Ala., assisted by Rev. J. W. Jackson, pastor of the Baptist church, Eufaula. Each class stood a fair examination. Miss Cornelia Patterson and Miss Lula Smith will leave for Eufaula to attend Prof. Wells' school. The agent will leave for Columbia, Ala., in a few days. Those who want to subscribe for The Freeman see the agent as soon as possible. Take The Freeman and learn the progress of the race.

Called Home by Sickness.

Ellisville, Miss., Special.

E. J. Jackson, of Hattesburg was in the city Saturday and Sunday. Miss Emma White is in the city. Rev. H. Williams has returned from Waynesboro. Miss Annie White, a teacher, was called to the bedside of her mother. Miss Mary Edwards is able to be out again.

Are You Going to Washington

To the inauguration of William McKinley? The "Big Four Route," in connection with the picturesque Chesapeake & Ohio railway, offers the best facilities from Chicago, St. Louis, Peoria, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Lafayette, Benton Harbor, Detroit, Toledo, Sandusky, Springfield, Dayton and intermediate points via. Cincinnati. Through Palace Sleeping Cars from St. Louis and Indianapolis. The most beautiful and interesting route. Scenery unsurpassed and historical interest unequaled All trains are magnificently equipped with Wagner Sleeping cars, Buffet Parlor and Dining cars. Ask for tickets via. "Big Four" and "C. & O." Routes.

South Before the War is in Rochester, N. Y., this week.

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Bert Easley, the descriptive barytone soloist, is at liberty.

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Miss Helen Williams joined Sam T. Jack's Creoles in Boston.

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Isham's Oriental America company will soon leave for Europe.

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Sam T. Jack's Creoles close for the season at Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.

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Black Patti's Troubadours packed the house at Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 15.

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Miss Mary Lee, late member of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, is quite ill in Boston, Mass.

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Isham's Oriental America are playing a return engagement in New York City this week.

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"When Miss Maria Johnsin Marries Me," is being sung with much success by Chas. E. Johnson.

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Miss Marie Roberts joined Isham's Octoroons, No. 1., during their engagement at Cincinnati, O.

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Johnson & Dean—Charles and Dora are the only colored people with Sheridan & Flynn's City Sports.

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Black Carl, the magician, will remain in the East, playing dates, at the close of his engagement with Sam T. Jack's Creoles.

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The National Trio—John Tolliver, Kate Carter and Will Cooke, are rehearsing a new act for the coming season.

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Williams & Walker in their original cake walk, assisted by the "Colored 400," were at Hyde & Behman's, New York City, last week.

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Charles Alexander has organized a specialty company of ten people. The company is booked to appear at Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 23.

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Miss Margaret Scott, one of the leading soprano soloists of Isham's forces, has been transferred from the Octoroons to the Oriental America company.

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Hersey & Evans in their singing act and cake walk, are being well recieved in the East. They were at the London Theatre, New York City, last week.

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The Southern Jubilee Concert company includes: Viola Scudder, Miss Prithard, Elmore Thomas, John Cooper and Prof. W. W. Handley, manager.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the gifted elocutionist, has closed a successful season in the South, and will spend the winter in Washington, D. C.

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Isham's Octoroons last week played enormous business at the Avenue Theatre, Louisville, Ky. They are at the Standard Theatre, St. Louis, this week.

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Larmatine J. Brown, the celebrated barytone, who has been with the Henrietta Vinton Davis combination in the South, has returned to Washington, D. C.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are to appear at Scranton, Pa., Feb. 20-23; Towanda 25; Waverly, N. Y., 26; Elmira, Feb. 27th, March 1.

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Frank M. Hailstock's Colored Concert Orchestra of ten musicians will after the closing of the season with Al G. Field's Darkest America company play summer resorts.

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Chas. Alexander's Specialty company has the following artists: The Stokes Family, Mme. Agnes Leona Lawrence, George A. Alsop, Robert Henri Robinson, John Thomas Butler, and J. H. M. Thomas.

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The King and Queen of Colored Aristocracy, Chas. E. Johnson and Dora Dean, are recieving hearty applause for their songs, dances and funny sayings; they are with Sheridan & Flynn's City Sports Big Show.

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The Blind Boone Concert company have made a tour of Texas and the South, and have been greeted with unbounded success everywhere. They are booked to appear at the following places Jacksonville, Tex., Feb. 20 Palestine, 22; Longview 23; Shreveport, La., 24; Marshal, Tex., 25; Jefferson 26; Texarkana 27; Camden, Ark., March 1; Fordyce 2; Pine Bluff 3, Clarendon 5; Brinkley 6; Forest City 7; Memphis, Tenn., 8. They have made many friends in the South.

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"Black Swells" is the title of a new musical farce-comedy being written by Spencer B. Gibson. introducing specialties and catchy songs. He is one of Little Rock's, (Ark.) gifted Negro dramatists, and is climbing the heights of success as a play writer.

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Jules V. Jack, business manager, Miss Gracie Sizemore and Black Carl, of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, while in Providence, R. I., were entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, at 15 Salem street, the afternoon of Feb. 10. In the evening Mr. Jack made a little theatre party of all the guest to the Creole show, which all seemingly well enjoyed.

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Thomas Carter, of Isham's Octoroons No, 1, was married in Louisville, on the evening of Feb. 11, to Miss Margaret Scott, of New York, now singing a leading soprano role in the "Oriental America" company. Mr. Carter in private life is Thos. Graham, of Chicago where he is well known in musical circles. He is singing: "The Pawnbroker Shop" with great success with the Octoroons.

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In Providence, R. I, last week, there was two big dancing contests, between members of Sam T. Jack's Creoles, "In Old Kentucky" and some local talent, the two first prizes were won by members of the Creole show, Jas. Grundy won the championship of Rhode Island, on Friday night; Miss Pearl Woods on the same evening won the lady championship of the State. The principal dancer was Jack McGrath, winner of the badge of the "In Old Kentucky" company; on Saturday night Grundy was barred and his partner Wm. Murry won by a nose over McGrath, his prize was a 14-kt. gold watch.

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Atwell's Comedians made their initial performance at South Charleston, Ohio, Feb. 5, to a fairly good house; the company is headed by the Famous Georgia Mocking Bird Quartette—Taylor, Collier, Hiers and Day; Clyde Collier, the "Ruler of the Ohio River," A. Phil Payn, jr., the California tenor soloist; Graham & Williams, dancers and comedians; Calvin Speaks, descriptive baritone; the Brothers Smith, Lou and Neil. The performance closes with Clarence Taylor's screaming sketch entitled: "Rehearsing for the Coons Cake Walk" introducing the pastime of cotton pickers, sweet singers and great dancers. Executive staff: Eli Atwell, proprietor; A. Phil Payn, jr., amusement director; Prof. Walker, musical director; C. H, Taylor, press agent.

Organized a Literary Club.

Opelousas, La., Special.

We have organized a Literary club and a paper, which is published weekly, It is called the Academy Times We are glad to have Prof. G. F. Priestley as principal of our Academy. Our school is progressing fine.

Dumas Club Entertains.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

The Dumas Club entertained at the home of Miss Lottie King Eleven of the members were present. Everybody reported a pleasant time. Many social games were indulged in, after which an eleborate repast was served. In the absence of Rev. Pettiford at the A. M. E church, Rev. C. S. Jones preached Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and Rev. Dr. Kauffman at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. C. S. Jones is on the sick list Mrs. Charles Parker is quite ill. Miss Lady Dabney is indisposed

The Seven Stars.

Temple, Tex., Special.

The Seven Stars of Consolidation Lodge has opened a dispensation for $2.75 for the next sixty days, old members re-instated for $1.75. Rev W. L. Dickerson, financial agent for the Baptist Foreign Mission, stopped in the city last week. Miss Eddie Sanders of Brenham, Tex., is visiting friends in Temple this week. Miss Carrie Bryant is in the city this week Mrs. Rebecca Graves of Belton was in the city this week. Rev. L W. Mackey made a flying trip to Waco last week. Rev R. D. Taylor of San Ang lo is in Temple this week.

Lincoln Memorial Exercises.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, of Wilberforce, passed through the city last Saturday, enroute to Chicago. J. A. Braboy entertained the Rev. J. G. Mitchell during his stay. Lincoln Memorial exercises were held at our public school. Elaborate exercises were held at Prof. R. A. Brum's school. The Ladies Mite Missionary Society of the A. M. E. church held a very interesting meeting. Miss Cordelia Perkins' paper was excellent. The society is booming. Through an invitation of the Mitchell T. C. L. club, Rev. J. G. Mitchell, of Wilberforce, O, was here Sunday and Monday last. He preached an excellent discourse at the Friend's church.

Death of a Well Known Citizen.

Versailles, Ky., Special.

Mr. John Woodson, a well known citizen of this community departed this life last Sunday the 14th; he had been ill for quite awhile. The deceased leaves a wife and a number of relatives to mourn his demise.

A Delightful Banquet.

Bloomington, Ill., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas gave a very enjoyable card party on Tuesday evening, at their home on North Prairie street; at the close of the game a delightful luncheon was served. Miss Cassie Barton has been very ill with pneumonia for several weeks; she has about recovered. Joseph Shoecraft of Chicago is visiting his brother Edward. John Crabbs is visiting friends in Peoria. Mrs, Lucy Dean is the proud mother of a ten pound baby girl. Miss Cora Holly who has been very sick during the past month, is convalescent. Wednesday evening Feb. 10, at the Keeley League rooms the "Arlington Club" a prominent organization of this city gave a delightful banquet. Paul Combs and Mr. Cecil were appointed as janitors, Rich Blue as doorkeeper and Archie Hayden as page at the State Capital. Charles Barton, formerly of this city is waiter at the Palace hotel in Springfield. Mrs. Grace Carrol expects to take her departure for Chicago in the near future. Miss Mamie Tally is visiting Miss Lila Bromewell of Champaign. Miss Laura Hedgepath is on the sick list. Miss Jessie Scott of Lincoln, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Fred Wyche. The funeral of Mrs. Frank Clark who died Jan. 28th was held at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church Jan. 31. A very delightful evening party was given by Misses Annie Handy and Addie Sewell of Normal Jan. 31th in honor of Miss Mary Ellen Green of Chicago, who is visiting her mother. Miss Blanche Moore is on the sick list.

Personal Mention.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Anderson took place from St. Luke A. M. E. church Monday the 8th. The occasion was very sad. Rev Banton officiated. Mr. and Mrs Willie Outlaw of Albany, Ga., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watts. The Freeman is a welcome visitor in Andrew Jackson's home. Grand rally at New Hope A. M. E. church Sunday Feb. 21st. Mr. Richard Jackson died here on the 12th, and the funeral took place from the Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Jackson officiated. Rev. Wm. Baker is pastor of the C. M. E. church at this place. The Eufaula Baptist Academy celebrated Lincoln's birthday Feb. 12th at the Baptist church. A nice program was carried out under the management of C. M. Wells. Miss Lula D. Gray presided at the organ and rendered some choice music. Rev. J. W. Jackson of the Baptist church, spoke of The Freeman last Sabbath to his large congregation and asked everyone to subscribe. The colored people of Eufaula are interested in The Freeman. Quite a crowd turned out last Sabbath evening to witness the corner-stone laying at St. John A M. E. church by the Oddfellows. Hon. L. C. Gardner was master of the ceremonies. Lawyer W. F. Crocket of Montgomery. Ala., spent last Sabbath in Eufaula. Joe Dill and William Clayton of Clayton, Ala., spent last Sabbath in Eufaula.

Held His First Quarterly Conference.

Pierce Station, Tenn., Special.

Rev. L. M. Merry, P. E., of the Paris District held his first quarterly conference here the 13th and 14th. Jas, H. Browder, secretary. Reports of stewards and trustees were favorable. One death, sister Lucinda Hubbard of Easter Chapel. G. F. Browder was elected delegate to represent this circuit at the district conference in April 22nd at Reaves Station, Tenn. Rev. R. A. Howard of Fulton, Ky., was a guest of the conference. In conclusion the P. E. Rev. A. A. Helm extoled his people by saying they were as good as any in the world. Sunday was a high day in the Zion Sunday school. Henry Morris is up again. Mr. John Bard is on the sick list. The Young Men's Debating Club meets every Thursday night. Call on the agent Rev. A, A. Helm and buy a copy of the Freeman and be convinced.

A Prosperous Business Man.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

C. J. Thompson, one of our popular merchants has sold out his store to two white gentlemen. Mr. Thompson has been in business about twenty-five years and has been a success. He numbered among his customers some of our best white citizens. Above all he is respected by all classes as a man of worth and honsety. Dr. Wm. Key, of Keystone liniment fame, is here on a short visit. Thomas Hutton, of Chattanooga is here, Minnie Allen is still very sick. The entertainment given at the Baptist church by Mrs. Mary J. Anderson was on a high order, such entertainments take away nothing from the sacredness of the church, but are a source of instruction to the people. The Baptist Sunday school has a band of missionaries whose business is to look after the poor of the town. The "tete a tete" entertainment given by the teachers and pupils of the Turner High school, on the completion of their new school rooms was very enjoyable. The rooms are up to date, and add much to the convenience and efficiency of the school. Prof. S. C. Rainey will open school in Marshall county. Newton Cannon has moved in his new home in West end. Miss Lula Knott has entered the Turner High school. R. G. Donnell is studying Greek at "The Teachers Retreat."

Pertinent Points and Paragraphs.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Frank Garrett died Jan. 26th of heart disease. His funeral was attended by Rev. Mr. Jackson. Mrs. Becky McKay was buried here last Friday the 5th, Rev L. W. Watson, officiating. Mrs Mary J. McEwen died Monday, the 1st inst. P. Cooper, died at his home the 14th inst., and was buried on the 15th. Married on Saturday, the 6th, Miss Annie Paterson and J. W. Lee, Rev. J. L. Wilson, officiating. Calvin Ambros and Miss Lucy Johnson were married at the Zion M. E. church, on the 7th inst. On the sick list: G. W. Phillips, Mrs. Annie Jefferson, Mrs. Susie Lucas, T. Murray. The Institute for colored preachers was commenced on the 8th at New Hope Baptist church. The New Hope Baptist church people had rally day at the church on Sunday the 7th. Quite a good sum was realized. Excelsior Lodge No. 34 have elected officers for the ensuing year. Rev. L. W. Watson preached two fine sermons at New Hope Baptist church 3 and 7:30 p. m. Feb. 14th. Meridian has an undertaking establishment conducted by I. C. & E. G. Parrish, located on Third street. Miss Janie Evans, who was badly burned about two weeks ago, is rapidly improving.

Departed for the Dark Continent.

Selma, Ala., Special.

Three of our most worthy citizens left for Liberia via. New York. They were Square Stone, his son and James Toliver. They estimate that the trip will occupy more than a month, and the amount of transportation will be nearly $500 Each of them have a family, who will follow them in the fall. Charles Harris, son of Rev. C. E. Harris, was shot and killed by a crowd of white boys recently.

Shelbyville, (Ind.,) Notes.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

The Second Baptist church have been carrying on revival services for the past three weeks by the Rev. W. M. Patterson of Indianapolis, closed Sunday night with thirty-two additions to to the church. We highly recommend him for he has done great good in our city.

Shot by an Officer.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Wells Horton was shot on Public Square by Deputy Marshall, Sam Thurmond. Aron White died; on the 9th, Prof. J. N. Parr is all smiles. Born to his wife, Mrs. Mattie Parr, a fine boy and girl on the 10th. Prof. Gress Taylor, jr., returned home from Nashville where he has been attending Meharry Medical College. J. B Collier, pastor of the C. M. E. church preached at Fairview Sunday. Rev. M. C. Cally has moved his family here, pastor of C. P. church. A grand pigeon supper will be held at the C. P. church the 231 and 24th.

The Excelsior Literary Meets.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Presiding Elder Ross preached an excellent sermon last Tuesday evening at the A. M. E. church. J. Henderson of Cincinnati, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carroll Friday. The exercise for Allen day will be held next Sunday evening. The young ladies sewing circle met Thursday at Miss A Ouzts The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss S. Sampson. Rev. W. H. Coleman is preparing to raise $600 to pay off the debt and make some improvements in the church and parsonage. Friday afternoon the Womans Sewing Circle will meet at the parsonage. Last Thursday evening the excelsior literary met. The subject for debate was "Resolved that the freedom of the slave was a military necessity," was decided in favor of the affirmative, on the 25th. "Resolved that Washington was a greater General than Napoelon will be debated; E. A. Johnson, T. Howard affirmative, C. Conway, N. Settles, negative.

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[I must again beg your indulgence in asking space for the following communication, sent to the Christian Recorder, but refused by that paper as improper matter to appear in its columns. I give it to you exactly as given to the Recorder that your thousands of A. M. E. readers may judge whether I am right or wrong. D. A. G.]

I trust that my presumption in asking such a critical question at this time will not condemn my manuscript to the same ignominious fate as that which befell my last attempt. However, if it should, I shall continue to evidence my undying friendship by keeping you well supplied with kindling paper while other publishers make use of my thoughts upon some vital questions. In your issue of Dec. 31 you say that the publishing of my article on Dr. Preston would "do more harm than good, and at the same time would be in direct violation of the established rule and policy of this paper." This gives rise to the question, what is the purpose of a church organ, anyhow? But before we can determine this we need to answer another—what is the mission of the church? If I understand the purpose of Christ in establishing His church here on earth, it was to be this representative, in that it should teach by precept and example, all of the truths which He enunciated while sojourning here. The church is not an organization to take care of preachers, but to take care of the souls of men and the morals of mankind. It is to show Christ to the world and lift men to the high standard of morality and righteousness which he established eighteen hundred years ago. It is not merely to prepare men for the world to come, but it is to be a mighty force for purifying and making better the world that is. It is the great conservator of public morals. To accomplish this great mission it has organizations and these organizations are each supposed to be for the purpose of more perfectly advancing these principles.

The church is in the hands of a divinely appointed ministry with the broad and glorious commission to "preach, saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand," or in other words, that this world must come under the rulership of the king of heaven. But all of the work cannot be done in these times in the pulpit. It is a literary age, and men, women and children are reading, hence the press must be called into requisition to assist in disseminating the all-important doctrines of the church. This is the first use we find for a church paper. It is to teach the same things that the pulpit teaches and thus to be an auxilliary to the pulpit, a reflector of the thought of the pulpit. The dissemination of church news is a secondary object of such a paper. News can be obtained from newspapers. The church paper should teach what the church teaches; should support whatever the church doctrines support; should condemn whatever the church doctrines condemn; should promote the interests of religion, morals and education in exactly the same manner as the pulpit should. It is supposed to reflect the position of the church on all moral questions. It should be fearless in its denunciation of evil wherever found. If a cowardly pulpit is detrimental to the interests of the church, a cowardly organ is even more so. It should not hesitate to uncover those whom it finds to be wolves in sheep's clothing that their power for mischief may be curtailed. I do not mean to say that the church organ should be a scandal vender or a mud-slinger, but it should guard the name of the church, and especially her ministry with such jealous care as to be always ready to help rid the church of any who are bringing her into disrepute. Yea, more; like the preacher himself, the church organ should teach holiness and purity in every day life, and demand that every man who stands in the pulpit shall adorn the doctrine of his profession.

Now is the Christian Recorder doing this? It claims that to admit to its columns a letter calling upon a minister to explain vile accusations made against him, and already heralded from ocean to ocean, would do more harm than good and would violate its long established rules. I know the latter to be true, but do not agree to the former and think it time to tear up those antiquated rulers and do a great service to the church, the race and to Christianity. Were such an article published and no oportunity given the accused to reply, then a great injustice would be done the man and great harm to the church; but if you publish the accusation and then invited a reply, you would show that you had some interest in the reputation and character of our ministers who are sent out to teach morals to the people. If the accused refused to explain the matters under question then it would be the duty of the church organ to join in the demand that he step down and out and no longer disgrace our church. But you may say we have law—let the accused be brought to trial. This you know full well has been done and he was acquitted for want of evidence. The trial committee do nothing else under the circumstances, but that decision has not the weight of a feather. The public wish to hear from the man himself; his autobiography will settle it, and nothing less will do. Why then should not the Christian Recorder, if it has not the courage to ask for this, permit a brother minister to do so? Does it reflect the sentiment of the church and her ministry when it will not even give space for pointing out evil in the church? Must the public suppose that our ministry is so corrupt that we dare not try to call down evildoers who have succeeded in reaching high places? Is this the reason, or is it the fear of the influence of these bold hypocrites at the general conference that subordinates our press?

Again, if our church organ will not admit of anything that looks like the exposure of sin, why does not the editor once in a while write a little something on the need of reform in our conference methods regarding crime. Such an editorial never appears. Glittering generalities are indulged in and a few men are praised for their work, which is well, but does the editor never discern any need of moral reform. Can it be that he is afraid to speak out on these things least he will loose the good will of some or is it simply because it will be a violation of the long established rules and policy of this paper?

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Let the paper be made truly a church organ, serving God first and the whole connection second, but individual ambitions never. Let it join in the great work of teaching holiness of life and purity of character. Let it demand in the name of Christ and the church, that her ministers be men of God who can stand the gaze of the public without flinching. Let it turn on the light wherever there is danger of wolves slipping in, that they may be seen from afar and shunned as lepers. Let it demand of church leaders honesty, sobriety and morality, and fear not to lift the cover from any man who is charged with not coming up to the standard. The editor would not likely serve more than one term under such a policy, true, and he would not be promoted to the bishop's bench either, but he would leave the editorial chair with the consciousness of having served God truly and the church faithfully. The rank and file would bless his name and the subscription of the paper would be trebled, because there would be something in it that the people want to read. When this is done we will have a church organ and it will become self-supporting, but not until then.

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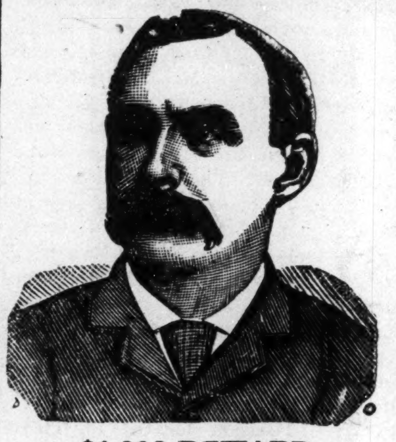

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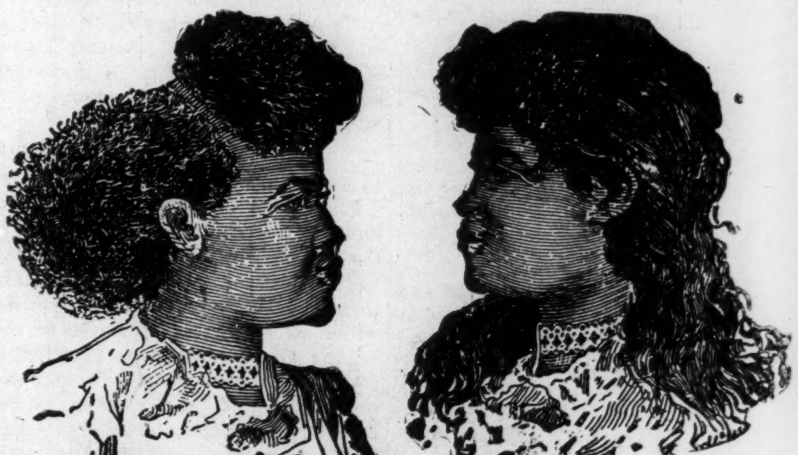

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The name was given in honor of Bishop Daniel A. Payne, then senior Bishop of the A. M. E. church. On the 17th of June 1891, the present site was dedicated to the cause of Christ in the educating of young men for his church. Just six years has scarcely passed into eternity since the keys of that building were turned over to the sainted Bishop Payne, and he was instituted its first dean. During this time the valiant hero has been called from labour to reward. But he is not dead simply the clay has gone back to dust, the soul has burst its bonds and gone to join that mighty number that sing a song that angels cannot sing, the song of the redeemed The conquer lives in the heart of the church, the race, and the nation.

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Prof. G. F. Wordson, B. D., the third member of the faculty, is a young man of extraodinary intellectual ability. He graduated with honors from the Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., spent a few years in the pastorate and was called to a professor-ship in Payne Seminary. He is Professor of Systematic Theology, and Church History. He fills the position with much credit to himself and the school. Bishop B. T. Tanner is his uncle and the worthy Professor is marching in his foot-steps. He is a friend to the struggling students.

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Let us pray that the out-going century may take with it every dead branch of our church and that the incoming century may bring new material that is worthy to take up the work where the fathers have left off.

H. F. BRAY,
Indianapolis, Ind.

The Mourning Preacher.

Why do our educated ministers "mourn" when preaching? There are honorable exceptions, but the rule is as stated. We bave heard ministers whose educational qualifications were all that could be desired, whose exegesis were faultless; who in their perorations would depart from all standards. They exhume the dead; they picture the beatific splendors of the New Jerusalem; they paint the horrors of hell; they describe death-bed scenes, etc.; they do this whether or not it has any connection with the subject in hand. Tnen it is the "spirit" comes. I do not think I have overdrawn; I have heard some of our best ministers; the general statement is true. Our educated ministers are making a serious mistake. This pulpit mannerism is a relic of the days of slavery, and the minister who indulges in it is simply perpetuating a barbarism and is retarding the religious progress of the race. It is true, perhaps, that in most of our congregations, a large numbers of people love to hear the "tone," but when and how are the people ever to become acquainted with higher religious ideas? How can a minister elevate his congregation when he persistently clings to the practices of thirty years ago?

These ministers seem not to know that nine-tenths of the young, educated and progressive classes are disgusted with them. This explains the lethargy manifested by the above named classes toward the church. The church like all other institutions must be progressive. The fact that these men are keeping the church back in the dingy past puts them out of sympathy with it. I recently heard a well known minister, after howling and ranting and mourning to his heart's content, speak of himself as "the wild presiding elder." He certainly made that impression on several of his audience.

One of the great mistakes of our religious life is our mistaking noise for religion. With many of our unthinking classes it is the "mourn" which they enjoy in the sermons. Instead of carrying home some practical thought and trying to weave it into their lives, they become infatuated with certain tones and give vent to their "feelings" by making the welkin ring. If this is religion, I have been mistaken. If this kind of preaching is an inspiration, it is peculiar to us as a people. If noise and demonstrations are necessary parts of religious worship, then other races are largely wanting in this essential. Noise is usually an indication of superficiality. Close observers have noted that much of our religion is on the surface, and at the church Remove the cause and there will be no effect.

The mourning preachers will admit in private that there is no virtue in the mourn, and that they do it simply to "touch up" the old folks. They ought to be ashamed. Such conduct is sinful. They should hate the sins that make them mourn, and drive them from their breast. The religious status of a people is a pretty good index of their civilization. If there are idyosyncracies in our religious life, in short if we are not up to the standard we will be judged accordingly. Though my voice be as one crying in the wilderness, I wish to suggest this religious slogan, "Down with the mourning preacher."

J. C. McADAMS,
Shelbyville, Tenn.

Clarinda Notes.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

A shadow social was given at Mrs. M. Louncers, Friday night of last week. Mrs. Lizzie Hann, Wm. Brown, Mrs. A Cartmill and daughter Ethel, Mrs. Mary Webb, Miss Georgia Steward, Mrs. Annie Knight, Jas. Banks and the baby of Mrs. Georgia Gooden are on the sick list. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall has gone to Bedford, on business. Rev. Knight is in Bedford, transacting business regarding the A. M. E. church. Jas. Baker and family have moved to town. Rev. Knight had good success with his revival meeting.

The C. H. & D. Ry., have arranged to accept Central Passenger Committee 5,000 mile tickets, in exchange for through tickets from points on their line to points on the Michigan Central Railway, between Toledo and Detroit inclusive.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

"OUR YOUNG FOLKS," A SOUTHERN PUBLICATION

Taken to Task—Disgrace From a Literary, Moral and Religious Standpoint—Relation of the Negro to the Southern White Man.

"Our Young Folks," published in St. Louis, Mo., is a bright, interesting little weekly, which, were it not for certain disgusting features, would be one of the most appropriate journals of its class that I have ever seen. Although its pages are replete with that grade of literature which is adapted to the understanding of young people, the attention of the older reader is at once attracted by the most prominent and the most gross of these objectionable features—the liberal use of that peculiar sort of low colloquialism popularly termed "slang." To illustrate more clearly the character of its contributions with reference to this, the following is copied from a recent issue of that paper:

"After supper we joined the party of young folks on the cliff. The night was black, intensely black, not a star was visible in the sky; but the twinkling lights in Chattanooga and its suburbs suggested the thought that heaven and earth had changed places and that we were suspended in midair. A half dozen darkies happened by with banjos, and until a very late hour we were entertained with the humor and pathos of darkey songs and hoe-downs."

Any young reader of ordinary intelligence, perusing the above short paragraph, would comprehend the siginificance of every word that it contains, excepting "hoe-down," and, perhaps, "darkey." The lowness and the vulgarity of these words are here strikingly illustrated. How absurd, ridiculous, degrading is the decline from a beautiful thought of heaven and earth to the genuine "humor" of a "hoe-down."

A paper, published in the interest of children, and seeking to teach them the road to righteousness, and, at the same time, laboring to instill into their sensitive minds the equality of men, black or white, cannot well afford to allow such expressions as the above to occupy places in its columns. For not only are the first germs of profanity propagated, by a publication intended to elevate morality and to discouraged animosity, but the natural prejudice to the Afro-American is also encouraged.

There are several papers for the Sunday-school in which such a paragraph as the one quoted could not appear under any circumstances, for the subscription-list would be immediately affected, to say nothing of the despicable regard in which its proprietor would be held, or the scrutinizing criticism to which its editor would be subjected. Yet judging from the assertions made by this modest-appearing little weekly, it must be especially popular among its juvinile readers. Such a publication is a disgrace, from a literary point view to any community, and when it is considered in a moral and a religious light, the wise parent is earnestly persuaded to guard his children from it as he would protect them from the association of the mischief-maker, the criminal, and the murderer.

But such a paragraph appearing in a paper coming from Missouri is not strange, for just now the Southern white man is doing all he possibly can, either by fair or by foul means, to disseminate race prejudice and to belittle the Negro whenever the opportunity is afforded. In the past they have done all they possibly could do to injure the Negro's prospects and to hinder his material advancement; but they have been unsuccessful, and now they seek the co-operation of northern white men. Of the intolerable, narrow-minded, prejudiced white men, none can compare with those of Missouri. The North made one irretrievable mistake in 1865,—when it conquered the Southern rebels it ought to have treated them as a conquered nation, and not received them immediately afterwards with tokens of amnesty.

This paper, which is published by the National Christian Association,—this Association has a Missionary department, soliciting donations for the maintenance of schools in the South, and in its official organ, The Cristian Evangelist, speaks very complimentary of representative Negroes, appearing in any light except that as a Negro-hater—clearly explains the relation of the Afro-American to the Southern white man. It also unmistakably indicates the character of its readers, and the significance and the value of the estimation which they put upon the Negro. "Our Young Folks,' however, serves one purpose, since it, in the use of such offensive language, exposes abundant proof of the antipathy toward the Negro, which would be otherwise almost unobtainable. It, too, tells the philanthropical person the true character of the people to whom he intrusts his monetary gifts for the farther advancement, mentally and morally, of the thousands of illiterate in the South.

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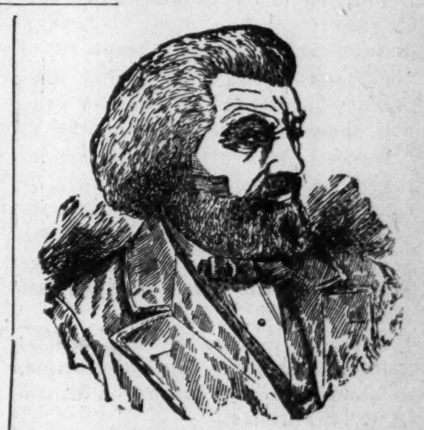

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Go to the Art Exhibit at Mrs. Kittie Minter's Feb. 26.

Green Gentry is recovering from his recent indisposition.

Squire Bell of Hosbrook street, is still in poor health.

Mrs. Jennie Mays of South Linden street is indisposed.

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A good program will be rendered at Walter's literary Lyceum next Thursday evening.

A new lodge of Odd Fellows was set up the 11th at Mohs' Block at the Virginia Avenue Fountain.

Willis Kersey, the popular tonsorial artist, has been mentioned favorably as a candidate for city clerk.

Miss Sara Dickerson has accepted the position as teacher of Class No. 1 at Walter's Chapel Sunday school.

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Mrs. Pearl Alexandria, who resides at 320 W. Court street, presented her husband Robert, with a baby girl last Wednesday.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at Simpson Chapel to-morrow, at which time Rev. Edward L. Gilliam P. E. will preside.

Mrs. Lethia Coleman has filed a cross complaint and bill of divorce in the case of Elias Coleman vs. Lethia Coleman, now pending in the Superior Court.

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Mrs. Emma Newby, nee Woods, secured a divorce last Saturday from her husband, Lawrence A. Newby, and had her maiden name restored through Attorney Octavius V. Royall.

The Marion County Baptist Sabbath School Union holds its monthly meeting the second Thursday night in each month. The last meeting was held in North Indianapolis.

The subject, "Which does the most to produce crime, Poverty, Wealth or Ignorance," will be discussed by Messrs. Wayman White, Ollie Clay, Geo. Walton, Everett Stevenson, W. H. Taylor and Silas Pritchert, at Walter's Literary Lyceum next Thursday evening.

Rev. Wagoner returned from Noblesville Monday from a four day's visit. By request of the members of the Second Baptist church, he preached while in that city, and is loud in his praise for the good people of Noblesville. He enjoyed the hospitality of Deacon Herley while in the city.

The Herculean Effort.

At the Ninth Presbyterian church on Monday evening, Feb. 15, the Herculean Club gave a grand concert. The audience was composed of both colored and white, who testified their approval by the rapturous applause at the conclusion of each rendition. The program was made up of the following artists, who acquitted themselves with much credit: Misses Duretta Dixon, Nance, Clay, Grace Lucas, Georgia Stevenson, Mrs Kathryn Stewart, Mrs. Charles Lanier, Mrs. Charles Harper, Messrs. James Collins, of Anderson, Amos Bybee, Thomas E. Jefferson and W. D. Collins.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

George Bass returned to the city last Friday.

Thos. Fossett of Muncie was in the city this week.

Abraham Coleman and Miss Mary Cooper were recently married.

Bob Brown, porter on the Vandalia, paid the office a visit this week.

Rev. G. A. Sissle, of Louisville, is visiting his family in Columbia avenue.

Miss Edna Harris of Hiawatha street is in Richmond. She spent four days in Evansville last week.

Miss Amanda Rogers attended the funeral of Mrs. Florence Morton-Harris in Richmond last Monday.

Misses Eva Winn and Jessie Coleman gave a birthday party at the home of the former, last Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Fred and John Middleton of Paris, Ill., attended the funeral of their cousin, Miss Ida Smith last Monday.

A few of the members of the Terpsichorean Club will give a party at Twenty-Second street Hall Monday evening.

Club No. 3 of Corinthian Baptist church will hold an Art Exhibit, Feb. 26 at the residence of Mrs. Kitty Minter, 221 West Second street. Supper and admission to Art Exhibit 15c.

"A Martha Washington Tea" will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Proctor, 132 West Fifteenth street, (old Sixth) Monday evening the 22nd for the benefit of North Street Corinthian Baptist church.

Dudley F. Oglesby, The Freeman's Chicago correspondent, paid the city a visit Sunday. He speaks very flattering of The Freeman's success in Chicago, and expects by first of April to have two thousand weekly readers.

Miss Gertrude Meaux entertained at the home of parents, 327 Tremont street, a number of her school mates in honor of her 14th birthday anniversary. Miss Nettie Prince presided at the piano. A pretty luncheon was served by the little hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson entertained in honor of their tin wedding anniversary at their pretty home in Douglass street last Tuesday evening from 8 to 11. The apartments were beautifully decorated with palms and choice cut flowers. Mrs. Jackson, the charming hostess, was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Peters.

For the annual session of the National Educational Association held in this city this week, a reception was tendered them by members of the Commercial Club and the city teachers last Tuesday evening at the Propylæum, at which a large number of the colored teachers were present.

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Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Johnson desires to return her thanks to the many friend who visited her during the long illness of her husband, Grant Johnson.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

As was stated in our last, the school question is worthy of serious consideration, and the Jones Bill will go down in history. Excitement runs high, pro and con, and to express an opinion invites personalities and bitter animosities. The people are clamoring for rights—not as Negroes, but as citizens. The question arises, "Would Negro teachers be employed in the schools at the same ratio, were the bill to pass as now?" This seems to be the bone of contention.

The pessimist might reason that to defeat this measure, means a special class legislation in all the different avenues of business and social life; it might eventually bring special accommodations in the street railways; it might cause special provisions in theatres; it might call for special taxation; it might nullify the Negro's rights and privileges in all things; that specification in one thing, naturally brings it in others.

The optimist reasons thus: We are on the eve of a great battle; a momentous question confronts us. Must we sacrifice the future of our children? If our teachers are displaced at present, will it not make it an impossibility for your child, even though possessed with all the educational qualifications to get similar employment? Must the young Negro prepare himself in all the school branches for naught? Should he not be allowed to carve out his own fortune—to earn his livelihood on his merits?

We must not lose sight of the fact that the young Negro must be employed—must be taught trades and master certain professions by men and women of the race. No better avenue lies open to our girls than the profession of teaching. No one should better know the traits and peculiarities of a child than its parents. So it is with the colored teacher; she understands the colored child, and knows its imperfections, and will seek to eradicate them; she knows that in the average colored family, the home training is sadly neglected; she therefore has a double task to perform in the school room.

Then, too, there may be teachers employed in schools whose disloyalty to the child may ever sow seeds of dissension and strife; the uneducated parent can not be dealt with as the educated one. Herein lies the teacher's tact and her knowledge of Negrology. She should not feel too exalted over the unfortunate parent. There is too much fault finding among the Negroes for their own interest. They are still in their infancy in the commercial and industrial world, and should guard well the small inroads made in these pursuits.

Let us strive to unravel this tangled thread of Negro existence—this bugbear to our prosperity—this ever perplexing Negro question, by not only maintaining competent Negro teachers, but by agitating a movement for those leading Negro merchants with money, who so strenuously opposed the Jones Bill, to open up a business whereby they can give employment to the young Negro. Would each of them contribute $100 towards such a movement? There is no better opportunity to show that undying love for the race—that patriotic zeal that fires your manly breast, than this one act. Elevate your race by putting dollars and cents in their pockets; show your firm, undaunted courage for the race in not only aiding them in obtaining positions in the schools, but clerkships in the groceries, and in the dry goods and wholesale houses. Try this method of race elevation, and you will thereby gain far better results than holding indignation meetings for each and every occasion that does not meet with popular favor.

Let us lay aside the little evils that doth so easily beset us—prejudice, ignorance, jealousy, back-biting, lying and personal grudges, and get an honest dollar and spend it judiciously—spend it for homes, for lands, for stock in the large corporations in your respective communities; let your bank account make a good showing, and then, not as a black man, but as an American citizen, rap at the door of the high-headed, haughty white American institutions, and see if the inmates therein, already perched on the ladder fame, will not "take off their hats to you."

The slimy, creeping, poisonous serpent, the low muttering thunders of the fierce and dangerous bull-dog, the burdensome task of living with a mother-in-law—yea, all this and more too, can be endured, but the undermining, lopsided, green-eyed, scandal-monger who will disrobe themselves of loyalty, honesty and respectability to indulge in anonymous letter-writing—never!

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

The Rev. Dr. Lawton preached two able sermons Sunday to a good congregation. He is an able and profound reasoner and a biblical scholar.

The sermon which was to have been preached to the colored members of the graduating class last Sunday night at the Ninth Presbyterian church by the Rt. Rev. W.R. Lawton will be preached Sunday night, Feb. 21 at 8 o'clock. All students, graduates of the High school, teachers, professional and business men and the general public are cordially invited. Special music by the orchestra and choir.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Be sure and visit the Art Exhibit at Mrs. Kittie Minter's Feb. 26.

There will be several candidates for baptism in the new pool at this church on the 27th.

Rev. Blackshear preached two interesting sermons last Sunday. A special service will be held to-morrow. Public cordially invited.

Services will be held all day to-morrow at this church. In the afternoon scenes from the "Prophet of Nazareth" will be produced.

Go to the Art Exhibit at Mrs. Kittie Minter's Feb. 26.

A Musicale will be given Tuesday evening the 23rd at the church under the auspices of Club No. 6, of which Mrs. Malinda Thomas is captain. Mrs. Irene Posey, Mrs. Sallie Robinson, Misses Nora Kincaid, Ida Thomas, Ada Bagby, Messrs. Allie Morton, Floyd Eubanks, and Frank Brown are a few of the well-known participants. Mrs. Eliza Wisdom will preside at the organ.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs. Pope and Alberta Smith are on the sick list.

Four persons joined the church last Sunday.

Mrs Mary Johnson, Fifteenth street, was called to Terre Haute last Sunday, her father being very low.

Miss Allie Morgan has been appointed church clerk.

Mrs. Mary Felton left last week for Muncie to visit Rev. G. H. White and family.

The chorus of 40 voices rendered some excellent music last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Irvin, Thirteenth street returned home last Sunday from Danville.

Last Sunday was Allen's Day. Quite an interesting program was rendered. Papers were read by Miss Lillie Warfield, Mrs. Mamie White and Milton Benson; solos, Miss Bertha Morgan, Mrs. Susie Steeple and Joseph Bowers; duett, Mrs. Patsey Dean and Miss Eva Mitchell; trio, Miss Lettie Brewer, Rev. and Mrs A. L. Murray; duett, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Underwood.

Next Sunday evening Rev. Murray's subject will be, "Where shall I find a wife? There is a woman for every man or a man for every woman but the spirit of God should guide each." Every one should hear it.

The revival meeting closed last Sunday evening with fifty-six conversions and over one hundred accessions.

OBITUARY.

Bedford Brown.

The funeral of Bedford Brown occurred at New Bethel Baptist church last Sabbath, Rev. N. A. Seymour officiating.

Mrs. Seglous Terry.

Mrs. S. Terry, an old and respected citizen, who has resided in Toledo street for a number of years, departed this life last Tuesday morning. Funerl services were held at Bethel A. M. E. church Thursday afternoon under the auspices of the Sisters of Charity.

Helen Hayden.

Little Helen, the six-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, died last Saturday. The funeral took place at their home in Martindale avenue Tuesday morning. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by sympath'zing friends. Little Helen was of a sweet, lovable disposition.

In Memory of Grant Johnson.

I saw a man in the glory of his days and the pride of his strength; he was tall and straight; he felt no sickness; his mind was vigorous like his body; he entered joyfully into the pleasures of life; the glance of his eye was variable and sweet, and when he spoke there was harmony; in the gay circle of his companions he was a star. I returned: His look was no more lofty, nor his step proud; his frame was like some ruined tower; his eyes sparkled not, and the music of his voice is still; he rejoices on earth no more; a train, sable and slow, bore sadly to an open grave what once was animated and beautiful. To the earth whence it was taken, consign we the body of our friend. There is no beauty, nor grace, nor loveliness that continues in man. From a friend,

CAPPIE HAYDEN.

Personal Mention—Notes.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

Mr. Emett Buford, a reader of The Freeman is on the sick list. Rev. E. Harris of Walnut Ridge, preached a wonderful sermon at the Second Baptist church. Rev. Dr. Mundy, pastor of the A. M. E. church is visiting his family at Little Rock.

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